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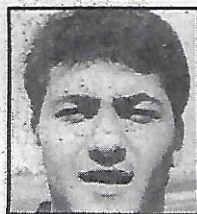
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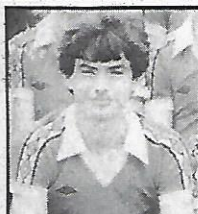
Greek power to hit USSR



Angie Postecoglou — SM-Hellas left back, now in the national youth squad



• Aki Kotzamichalis



• Lou Hristodoulou



• John Panagis



• Chris Kalantzis

By
LAURIE
SCHWAB

"When we line up in Minsk, the Russians won't know whether they're playing against Australia or the Greek national team," giant defender Aki Kotzamichalis said after being selected to the Australian youth team for the World Youth Championship finals.

"It'll be Greek power all the way, mate," he chuckled. The Soccerroos squad includes four players of Greek ancestry — Kotzamichalis (Melbourne Croatia), Angie Postecoglou (SM-Hellas), Lou Hristodoulou (Australian Institute of Sport), John Panagis (WA-Hellas) and Chris Kalantzis (Sydney Olympic).

A sixth, Steve Tasios (Heidelberg-Alexander) is on stand-by in case anyone drops out before the squad leaves for the USSR on August 9.

The Australian youth squad: Paul Jones (AIS), Robert Hooker (Capt, AIS), John Gregson (Melita Eagles), Mark Jones (Newcastle-Rosebud), Aki Kotzamichalis (Melb Croatia), Andrew Koczka (St George), Alex Bundalo (Wollongong), John Panagis (West Adel Hellas), Peter Petkovski (St George), Lou Hristodoulou (AIS), Chris Kalantzis (Syd Olympic), Mick McLelland (AIS), Sian Ingham (AIS), Warren Spink (Macedonia), Richard Bassingthwaite (Brisbane Lions), David Sharpe (AIS), Angie Postecoglou (SM-Hellas), Mirko Runje (Melb Croatia).

ON STANDBY: Phillip Traianedes (Macedonia), Alex Tobin (Adel Juventus), Steve Tasios (H'berg-Alexander), Darren Stewart (Newcastle Rosebud), Pedro Ricoy (St George), Tom Burke (Balga, Perth).

delberg-Alexander) is on stand-by in case anyone drops out before the squad leaves for the USSR on August 9.

A typical line-up would be: Paul Jones — Andrew Koczka, Robert Hooker, Aki Kotzamichalis, Angie Postecoglou — Warren Spink, Alex Bundalo, Peter Petkovski, John Panagis — Lou Hristodoulou, Chris Kalantzis.

Niger before his the Greek community's dominance of soccer been translated so strongly in a national squad. Kotzamichalis has had a hard road back after being injured in the last warm-up match (against Canberra) before the WYC qualifying series against New Zealand, Israel, Papua-New Guinea and Fiji early this year. He tore the lateral cartilage in his left knee and, with the exception of half a game in Croatia's youth team against Green Gully, has been out ever since.

"I did a lot of running, though, as well as gym work, and I did a bit of ball work with the State coach, Tim White, which all helped me get fit again," Kotzamichalis said this week.

Meanwhile, all at Adelaide Juventus are disappointed at Alex Tobin's omission from the squad. Tobin was in the team that qualified for the finals, but he's been replaced by Angie Postecoglou of SM-Hellas.

Postecoglou, on the other hand, is a worthy successor. He has been among the finest left backs in the NSL for more than a year.

Among others to miss out are Macedonia goalkeeper Phil Traianedes.

The young Soccerroos will play warm-up matches in Holland on their way to the USSR — Andrew Koczka of St George Budapest is another newcomer to the squad.

He can play any position from full back to central striker.

Warren Spink of Macedonia returns after his indiscretion during the Merlion Cup in Singapore, and will be a valuable addition as striker or wide midfielder. Mark Jones, a full-back from Newcastle-Rose-

bud, is the other newcomer to the squad.

Australia's opponents in Group C of the finals will be Nigeria, Canada and the USSR.

About the Soccerroos' match against Victoria at Olympic Park on August 4, Kotzamichalis says: "With so many Greeks in the team, we expect big support from the Hellas and Alexander fans."

Crino Mr Entertainment, but who's

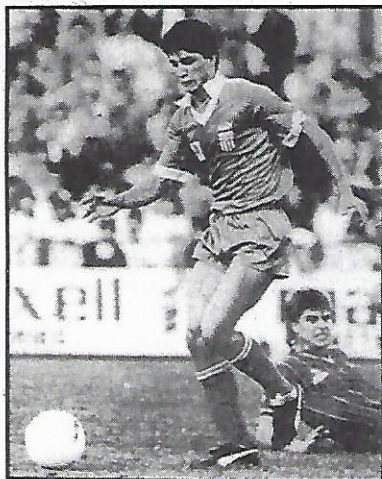
the most boring?

Oscar Crino (pictured) of South Melbourne Hellas has been voted Australia's most exciting player in a nationwide "Soccer Action" poll.

Phil O'Connor, then of Wollongong, and Alan Davidson (SM-Hellas) are previous winners.

Apart from voting for Australia's most entertaining players, "Soccer Action" experts throughout the country also cast their votes for those whose play they consider to be the most boring.

To find out about the yawn brigade, turn to page 3.



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• Peter Sheean

— AND STATE TEAMS ARE BACK

By
LAURIE SCHWAB

The programme for the international series starting on July 31:

At St. George Stadium, Sydney

July 31: Australian youth team v. New South Wales, PSV Eindhoven v. Australia.
August 4: Australia v. Red Star.
August 9: Red Star v. AEK Athens

At Olympic Park, Melbourne

August 2: PSV Eindhoven v. Red Star
August 4: Victoria v. Australian youth team, PSV Eindhoven v. AEK Athens
August 11: Victoria v. team that finishes third in tournament, followed by tournament final.

At Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide

August 7: Australia v. AEK Athens.
August 13: South Australia v. Red Star.

PSV Eindhoven of Holland will leave Australia on August 5 — six days before the final of the international series.

Because PSV won't be in the running for the \$60,000 first prize, tournament organisers are offering the Dutch team \$10,000 as an incentive to win each of its three matches — against Australia in Sydney and against Red Star and AEK Athens in Melbourne.

Although PSV will leave early, points gained by the other teams against the Dutch will count in the race for the final.

While PSV will leave early, AEK Athens will arrive late — on August 2. The Greeks play their first game two days later — against PSV Eindhoven in Sydney.

The Socceroos won't play in Melbourne before the final match day, on August 11, but tournament promoter Peter Sheean makes it clear that this is not due to disappointment over the level of crowd support for the Australians.

"It's just the way the draw has worked out," Sheean said. "We wanted to make sure that the Greek and Yugoslav communities of Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide each got the chance to see Red Star and AEK."

"I'm sure that after winning the last international series, the Socceroos will qualify for the final this time, meaning the Melbourne fans will see them in another top match. If they miss out on the final, they'll still be seen in the curtain-raiser, against Victoria."

The Victorian team has been revived to take the place of Eindhoven on the final match day.

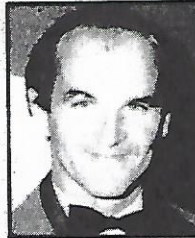
The Victorians also will play against the Australian youth team; as will the NSW State side.

Moreover, the South Australian State team will be reformed for a match against Red Star on August 13, after the tournament proper.

Victorian State coach Tim White said this week that his squad would include SM-Hellas striker Charlie Egan, who withdrew from the Socceroo squad in controversial circumstances in April. Egan claimed at the time that the national team was



• Peter Lewis (Victoria)



• Jan Kierno (SA)



• Milko Durovski (Red Star)



• Hakan Sandberg (AEK)

being run in an "amateurish" way. The Socceroos subsequently won the international series against Vasco Da Gama, Udinese and Tottenham Hotspur.

Egan's Hellas teammate Steve Blair also will be in the State team. Blair withdrew from the Socceroo squad due to business commitments.

"I will put out the best possible side and it will have nothing to do with politics, nor with the club a player is associated with. The fact that Charlie Egan fell out with the national team is not my concern," White said.

He will not name his squad until today (Wednesday) but indicated he was aiming for continuity since previous State games against Northern NSW (1-0) and West Berlin (1-2) in 1984 and Queensland (2-0) in 1983.

Players likely to be carried over include Peter Lewis, John Dowie, Joe Sweeney, Andrew Zinni (Juventus), Josip Biskic (Melbourne Croatia) and Doug Brown (SM-Hellas).

South Australian State coach Mike Wells said his squad would include NSL stars Martin Crook, Graham Honeyman, Brent Hiern, Chris Manou (WA-Hellas), Sergio Mella, Bugsy, Nyskous, Charley Villani, Steve Maxwell, Neville Flounders and Alex Tobin (AC-Juventus).

He said he probably would include State League players Jan Kierno (Polonia), Slavko Hancar (Beograd) and Dusan Rusmir (Beograd).

A "shadow team" of

young players who would provide opposition for the senior team in practice matches, would include Ian Dawson of Para Hills and Paul Kolesnikowicz, the Polonia goalkeeper.

South Australia hasn't played since beating Vojvodina of Yugoslavia in 1982.

The international series is being held a week later than originally scheduled, meaning players have had to readjust their leave from work. Some are finding it difficult.

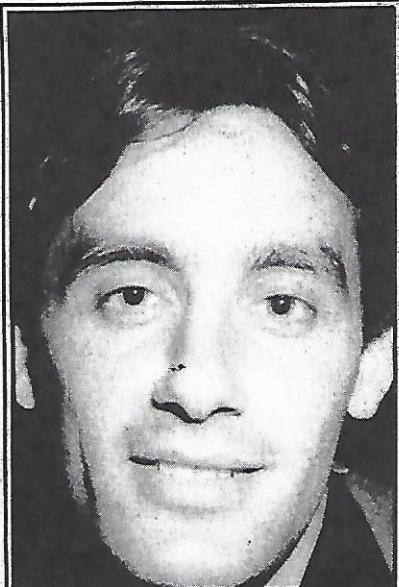
The new dates mean that round 21 of the NSL championship, initially to have been played on August 10 and 11, now will be played on July 27 and 28.

Only the very last round of the season will be played after the international series.

The last round is: SOUTHERN DIVISION: Footscray JUST v. George Cross, Green Gully v. Makedonia, WA-Hellas v. SM-Hellas, Brisbane City v. Brunswick Juventus, Melbourne Croatia v. Brisbane Lions, Heidelberg-Alexander v. Adelaide City Juventus.

NORTHERN DIVISION: Sydney Croatia v. APIA, Sydney Olympic v. Marconi, Penrith v. Newcastle-Rosebud, Inter-Monaro v. St. George Budapest, Sydney Hakoah v. Canberra Olympians, Wollongong v. Blacktown.

The Melbourne-based Socceroos and Graham Honeyman of WA-Hellas will train under Frank Arok at Olympic Park from 10 am today (Wednesday) and tomorrow and will have a practice match at Olympic Park from 6.30 pm tonight.



Tony Cosentino (Thomastown)

Juventus for Cosentino?

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Tony Cosentino was dragged away from Aussie Rules by his uncles Frank and Vic who are keen supporters of Brunswick Juventus. Today the Thomastown sweeper is riding high as one of the best players in the Victorian State League... but there's still a spot in his heart for Juve.

"I'd love to give the NSL a try, although I'm quite happy at Thomastown," says Cosentino. "If I got an offer, I'd consider it very seriously — especially if the offer came from Juventus."

Juve would do much better financially if it had the same affection from the fans of Melbourne's other Italian clubs. Instead, the community's flagship plays second fiddle to inter-club rivalry.

Cosentino also feels the rivalry — albeit in regard to Fawkes-Azzurri, rather than Juventus.

"There was talk two years ago about a merger between Thomastown and Fawkes but that's all died down. It would have been crazy. Had we gone ahead with amalgamation, Thomastown would have lost its identity by now."

Cosentino, 26, has been among the leaders in the "Soccer Action" — Schipano Home Furnishers Player of the Year award for most of the season, despite his relative inexperience at top level.

He played Aussie Rules for Keon Park Youth Club before being persuaded by uncles Frank and Vic to switch to soccer. After learning the game at Keon Park Tech, he joined District League club Regent at the age of 16 and switched to Thomastown five years ago. His older brother Dominick, 28, plays full back for Industrial League club Northern Cross.

Although it has dropped vital points in past weeks, Thomastown still aims to reach the top four. Whatever happens, though, nothing can detract from an excellent first-year effort in the State League.

Coach Joe Wilson, (ex-George Cross, Altona City, Keilor-Austria), has inspired the success, according to Cosentino.

"He's easily the best coach I've played under," Cosentino says. "He gets the team working together, he boosts your spirit, he's just terrific to work with."

And the reason for Cosentino's good form? "A bit of good luck, maybe. I was switched from full back to sweeper this year, which put me into the play, and I enjoy it more. I don't come up as much as I should, maybe, but then Joe Wilson hasn't asked me to."

Peter Verechia of Box Hill — "he's quick and he's got good control" — and Croynod pair Graham French and David Brogan — "they're tough and experienced" — are the best forwards Cosentino has confronted this year.

And he expects Brogan and French to spearhead Croynod to the State League championship. That, however, will cause the club a big problem, he believes.

"They'll probably have to change six or seven players in order to hang on in the National League. Most of their players aren't getting any younger, although Jim Tansey and Bill Whiteside still could play NSL, and of course Mark Brown and Alex Livingstone are younger than the rest."

Thomastown, he hopes, will recruit a couple of experienced players next year. "We're consolidating this year, but we might be going for the title in 1986," he says.

Perhaps one day we'll see Juve being joined in the NSL by not only Thomastown, but also Fawkes. That should bring the Italians out of hiding.

Doc sacked, end for Swansea?

Overseas round-up

Italy, West Germany, France, Poland, Brazil and Mexico probably will be the seeded teams in next year's World Cup finals in Mexico, the Mexican Football Federation said last weekend.

A spokesman said the list of seedings was given as the most likely by Joao Havelange, President of the International Football Federation (FIFA) when he arrived in Mexico City on a private visit.

Twelve sites have been selected for the finals ranging in altitude from 500 metres to over 2000 metres, but the spokesman could not say where the seeded teams would play.

World Cup holders Italy, host Mexico and Brazil, winners of South American qualifying Group Three, already have secured places in the finals. Argentina, Uruguay and Hungary are the only other certain qualifiers to date.

Former Scotland, Manchester United, South Melbourne Hellas and Sydney Olympic manager Tommy Docherty was sacked last week by struggling English side Wolverhampton Wanderers following their relegation to division three last season.

A club statement said the much-travelled Docherty, who has managed such clubs as Chelsea, Aston Villa and Oporto of Portugal during a controversial career, would not have his 12-month contract renewed.

Sampdoria beat AC Milan 2-1 last week to win the Italian Cup 3-1 on aggregate.

Genoa-based Sampdoria took the first leg match in Milan last week 1-0 and has won the Cup for the first time.

Sampdoria, which had qualified for the UEFA Cup, now will play in the European Cup Winners' Cup, allowing Milan to play in the UEFA Cup.

1983, was on the brink of closure last weekend because of financial problems.

Club chairman Winston Rees said: "The chances of survival are extremely slim. We cannot wait beyond Thursday (tomorrow) because we are due to pay wages on Friday and there's simply no money left."

"Unless someone is prepared to pay wages, and I have advised my board against it, or the league steps in, closure will have to be considered."

Swansea was relegated from First Division in 1983 and went down to Third Division last year.

Johann Cruyff has been appointed technical director of the club with which he was catapulted to international fame: Ajax Amsterdam.

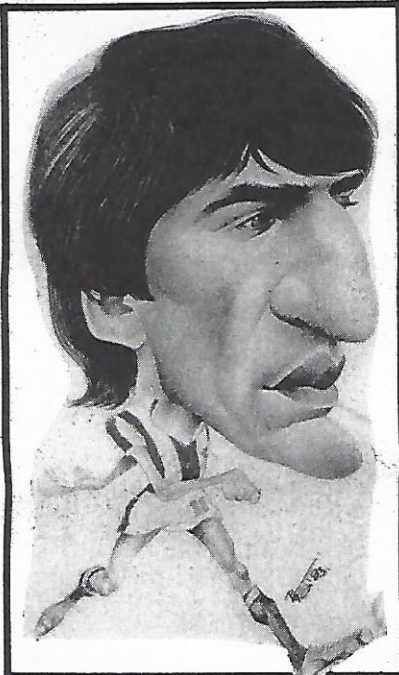
Ajax chairman Anton Harmsen said agreement on financial terms had been reached and Cruyff began his work as technical director this month.

Cruyff, 38, retired from soccer in May last year after his club Feyenoord Rotterdam completed the Dutch championship and Cup double.

He joined Feyenoord in 1983 after being discarded by Ajax which refused to renew his contract because, reports said, it felt he missed so many games through injury that he did not warrant his salary.

Cruyff, who started with Ajax as a skinny 17-year-old in 1964, said after initial talks on his new job that the old squabbles between him and Ajax were now dead and buried.

Maccabi Haifa has captured Israel's league title for the second successive year. Maccabi clinched the title when it beat Hapoel Kfar Sava 5-1. Hapoel clinched second place points deficit.



Mitar Mrkela — Yugoslav star to tour with Red Star

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Those who voted were asked to judge players on their entertainment value alone.

Whether or not they are among the most

consistent club performers, or whether they are leading in best player awards had nothing to do with this poll.

What we're concerned with is how much value for money our players provide.

Crino came up trumps for his sheer skill and his ability to do the unexpected.

Phil O'Connor, then of Wollongong, topped

the poll in 1983 with 69 votes, and Alan Davidson (SM-Hellas) was tops with 77 in 1984, so Crino's 81-vote tally is a record so far.

Zarko Odzakovic of Sydney Croatia was runner-up to Crino, so it's appropriate that they struck up a new midfielder partnership in the Socceroo team during the recent Socceroo series.

Jim Patikas of Sydney Croatia came third and Mike Petersen of Brunswick Juventus was equal fourth, along with Chris Kalantzis of Sydney Olympic.

Luka Bonacic, the former Hajduk Split player of Footscray J.U.S.T. polled strongly to finish in the top 10 although he arrived only recently.

And here's the yawn brigade

"Soccer Action" experts throughout Australia also cast their votes for whom, in their opinion, are our most boring players.

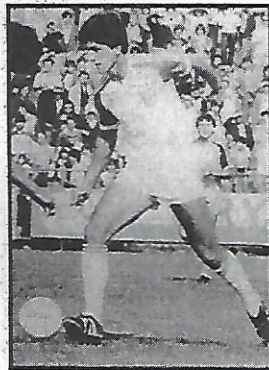
Each writer submitted a list of 10, in order, similar to the other poll.

In judging the yawn brigade, the writers considered: predictability, lack of flair, absence of entertainment value and the extent to which they'd go to avoid watching the candidates.

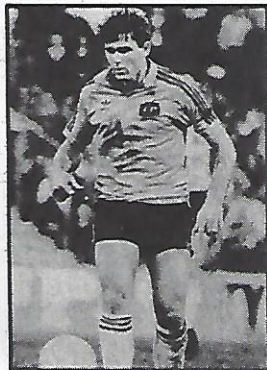
Most boring players, according to our poll of "Soccer Action" writers - in no particular order, to save further embarrassment:

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John O'Shea (StGeo.)
Peter Stone (StGeo.)
Joe Sweeney (BU-Juventus)

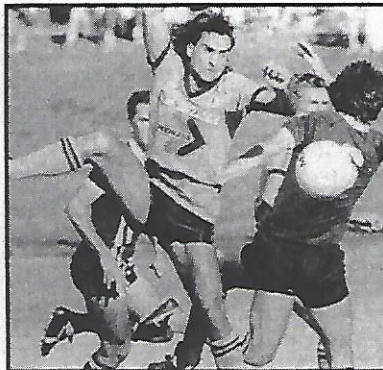
Jim Cant (SC-Hakoah)
Ian Rowden (APIA)
Larry Gaffney (Woll)
Jim Williams (G Gully)



81. Oscar CRINO
(SM-Hellas)
Ex-Tung Sing, AIS,
BU-Juventus, Foots JUST



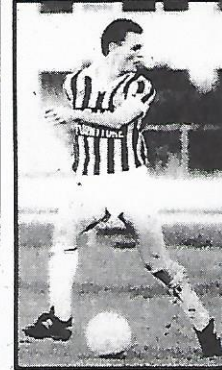
66. Zarko ODZAKOV
(Syd. Croatia)
Ex-Preston Makedonia,
Vardar Skopje



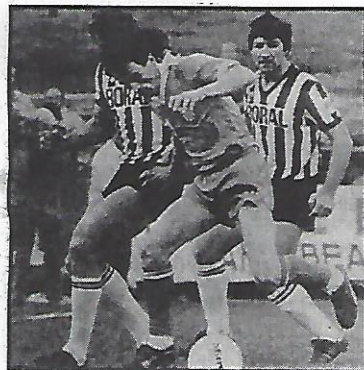
51. Jim PATIKAS
(Syd. Croatia)
Ex-Syd. Olympic,
SC-Hakoah



32. Chris KALANTZIS
(Syd. Olympic)



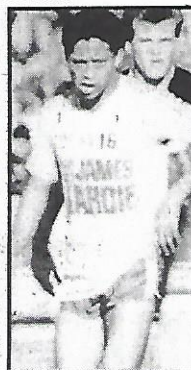
32. Mike PETERSEN
(BU-Juventus)
Ex-H'berg-Alex,
Port Melbourne



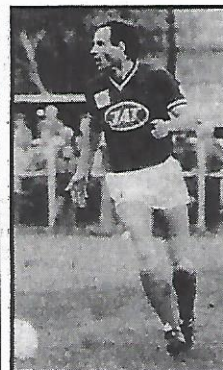
28. Charlie EGAN
(SM-Hellas)
Ex-Frankston City



27. Josip BISKIC
(Melb Croatia)
Ex-Osijek



25. Manis LAMOND
(Can. Olympians)



21. Luka BONACIC
(Foots JUST)
Ex-Hajduk Split,
Melaga, VfL Bochum



20. Ossi LATIF
(Geo. Cross)
Ex-Melb Croatia,
Kellor-Austria

RICKY ROSSO

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ALEX VESIC

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5. Sebastian Giampaolo (Inter Monaro)
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3. Manis Lamond (Canberra Olympians)
2. Charlie Egan (SM-Hellas)
1. Josip Biskic (Melb Croatia)

ANDREW DETTRE

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8. Joe Watson (SC-Hakoah)
7. Ian Gray (Marconi)
6. Frank Farina (SC-Hakoah)
5. Peter Raskopoulos (Syd. Olympic)
4. Robert Wheatley (Blacktown)
3. Marshall Soper (Syd. Olympic)
2. Jim Patikas (Syd. Croatia)
1. Manis Lamond (Can. Olympians)

PETER WINDSOR

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8. Zarko Odzakovic (Syd. Olympic)
7. Chris Kalantzis (Sydney Olympic)
6. Mark Jankovics (Marconi)
5. Sebastian Giampaolo (Inter-Monaro)
4. John Kosmina (SC-Hakoah)
3. Marshall Soper (Syd. Olympic)
2. David Lowe (Marconi)
1. Tommy McCulloch (APIA)

MYLES HAY

10. Robbie Slater (St. G. Budapest)
9. John Bradley (APIA)
8. Rod Brown (Marconi)
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LAURIE SCHWAB

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5. Charlie Yankos (H'berg-Alexander)
4. Bugsy Nyskohus (AC-Juventus)
3. Brenton Hiern (WA-Hellas)
2. Tyrone James (Geo. Cross)
1. Theo Selemidis (H'berg-Alexander)

KEN KONTRA

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8. Steve Tasios (H'berg-Alexander)
7. Ernie Tapai (Foots JUST)
6. Zoran Ilioski (Makedonia)
5. Charlie Yankos (H'berg-Alexander)
4. Steve Maxwell (AC-Juventus)
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2. Paul Wade (BU-Juventus)
1. Claude Lucchesi (Green Gully)

PETER DESIRA

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8. Mike Petersen (BU-Juventus)
7. Charlie Egan (SM-Hellas)
6. Charlie Yankos (H'berg-Alexander)
5. Andrew Bernal (Aust. youth team)
4. Ossi Latif (Geo. Cross)
3. Jadranko Kodjo (Foots JUST)
2. Angie Postecoglou (SM-Hellas)
1. Phil Traianedes (Makedonia)

CRAIG MACKENZIE

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9. Chris Kalantzis (Syd Olympic)
8. Josip Biskic (Melb Croatia)
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5. Luka Bonacic (Foots JUST)
4. Jim Patikas (Syd Croatia)
3. Charlie Egan (SM-Hellas)
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1. Frank Farina (SC-Hakoah)

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7. Zarko Odzakovic (Syd Croatia)
6. Manis Lamond (Can Olympians)
5. Vedran Rozic (Syd Croatia)
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3. David Lowe (Marconi)
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Stev Gojevic (Melb Croatia),

16. Stuart Stevenson (H'berg-Alexander),
Joe Watson (SC-Hakoah),
Charlie Yankos (H'berg-Alexander),

11. Steve Tasios (H'berg-Alexander),

10. Sebastian Giampaolo (Inter-Monaro),
Robbie Slater (St. Geo. Budapest),

9. John Bradley (Blacktown),
Gerardo Gomez (SC-Hakoah),
Dave Provan (Syd. Olympic),

8. Frank Farina (SC-Hakoah),
Rod Brown (Marconi),
Graham Honeyman (WA-Hellas),

7. Ian Gray (Marconi),
David Lowe (Marconi),
Ernie Tapai (Foots JUST),
Alex Bundalo (Wollongong),

6. Mark Jankovics (Marconi),
Zoran Ilioski (Makedonia),

5. Peter Raskopoulos (Syd Olympic),
Tommy McCulloch (APIA),
Phil O'Connor (Blacktown),
Claude Lucchesi (Green Gully),
Andrew Bernal (AIS),
Vedran Rozic (Syd Croatia),

4. Robert Wheatley (Blacktown),
John Kosmina (SC-Hakoah),
Bugsy Nyskohus (Ad. C. Juventus),
Steve Maxwell (Ad. C. Juventus),
Alan Niven (Brisb. Lions),

3. Darren Stewart (Newc-Rosebud),
Brenton Hiern (WA-Hellas),
Jadranko Kodjo (Foots JUST)

Christopoulos, Murphy back?

By LAURIE SCHWAB

George Christopoulos and Ken Murphy are expected to return for the big clash between Heidelberg and Hellas at Middle Park on Sunday, while Penrith will be in real danger of relegation after losing to Sydney Croatia — a loss it has little hope of avoiding.

Sydney Olympic's fate was to be decided last night (Tuesday) and it was likely that the club would be ordered not to use Pratten Park for any of its remaining home matches, because there is no fence around the pitch.

Olympic was expected to replay its abandoned match against Sydney Hakoah tonight (Wednesday) — probably at St George Stadium — and the venue for its clash with Inter Monaro on Sunday is yet to be chosen.

Marshall Soper was sent off before the match against Hakoah was abandoned, so he won't be available for at least one match. Inter-Monaro is unbeaten in eight successive matches, so Olympic will do well to hang on for a draw on Sunday.

As I have said before, Inter Monaro has class galore, for which it is given little credit — Ambrosino and Wilcox in midfield, Tullawa, Williams and Budini in defence and, of course, Giampalo and Thannidis in attack.

But all roads lead to Middle Park on Sunday, to the clash of Victoria's major Greek clubs. Christopoulos missed out due to injury against Makedonia last Sunday, and was replaced in mid-field by Steve Winn. If Christopoulos resumes, as expected, Winn may switch to attack.

Ken Murphy should recover from injury to take his place in the Hellas midfield, and Viado Bozinovski also may come back.

Heidelberg actually has a slightly better record than Hellas since coach Brian Garvey altered his team line-up by including Peter Tsolakis and John Metaxas. In the past four games, Heidelberg has picked up six points and has not been beaten, while Hellas, during the same period, lost once and has gained five points.

Nevertheless, I lean slightly towards Hellas, although it all depends on what breaks Stuart Stevenson gets on Heidelberg's forward line. Stevenson hasn't scored for three weeks and the law of averages says that he's due to break through again.

Bruswick-Juventus, taking on George Cross at Olympic Park No. 2, has Fabio Incantalupo back after suspension because Richard Miranda is now suspended. Ironically, Incantalupo capped his ban over an on-field argument with Miranda two weeks ago.

This should rival the Hellas-Heidelberg clash in intensity. Juventus has to win to take advantage of any slip-up by Hellas, while George Cross is desperate for at least one point in case Makedonia loses to Melbourne Croatia in yet another titanic struggle at Connor Reserve.

Makedonia is inside the top five for the first time in many weeks, but the margin is as slender as can be. Croatia's loss to

Weekend NSL matches with likely winners in capitals:

TONIGHT (WEDNESDAY)

Check daily Press

Sydney Olympic v SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH, probably at St. George Stadium.

SATURDAY

Newcastle-Rosebud v WOLLONGONG at Adamstown Oval, 2.30 pm.

Green Gully v Brisbane City (draw) at Green Gully Reserve, 3pm.

SUNDAY

Brisbane Lions v ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS at Richlands, 3pm.

BRUNSWICK-JUVENTUS v Sunshine-George Cross at Olympic Park No. 2, 3pm.

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS v Heidelberg-Alexander at Middle Park, 3pm.

Preston-Makedonia v Melbourne Croatia (draw) at Connor Reserve, 3pm.

West Adelaide Hellas v FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. at Hindmarsh Stadium, 3pm.

CANBERRA OLYMPIANS v Blacktown at National Sports Centre, 3pm.

ST. GEORGE BUDAPEST v APIA-Leichhardt at St. George Stadium, 3pm.

MARCONI v Sydney City Hakoah at Marconi Stadium, 3pm.

Sydney Olympic v INTER-MONARO at ground to be advised.

Penrith v SYDNEY CROATIA at Cook Park, St. Mary's, 3pm.

Green Gully was due partly to the absence of injured players George Hannah, Jim Campbell, and Tony Curcio, so their return should strengthen the team significantly.

Marconi has a decided advantage in its match against Sydney Hakoah at home on Sunday, because Hakoah will have replayed its abandoned match against Olympic mid-week.

Newcastle-Rosebud and Wollongong are locked in a desperate battle for survival, with Wollongong favored to win in Adamstown on Saturday. That would lift Wollongong off the bottom and create a whole new ball game.

Rosebud, which is not of the NSW Federation of Soccer Clubs, would be relegated IN ADDITION to a second club — either Wollongong or perhaps Penrith — if Rosebud finishes last.

APIA isn't safe either, but it doesn't look to have much chance of gaining a point from Frank Arok's St. George, where Robbie Slater has scored five goals in the past two matches.

The relegation issue in the Southern Division now is clear-cut. With four games (eight points) remaining, J.U.S.T. finds itself five points behind Green Gully at the bottom, and therefore has no hope of avoiding the drop.

Green Gully, strengthened by Tommy Cumming, looks good enough for at least a draw against Brisbane City at St Albans on Saturday, while J.U.S.T., despite the hopelessness of its position, still is a classier side than West Adelaide Hellas, and should win in Adelaide providing the players show the right attitude.

VSF Travel

The VSF Travel Club, in association with Ametco Travel, provides a trip to Europe flying Thai International to the top scorer in the NSL Southern Division.

Leaders:
13. Egan (SMH)
10. Stevenson (H'b)
9. Price (WAH), Sweeney (BJ)
8. Smith (Mak), Latif (SGC)
7. Ward (Melb. Cr.), D. Brown (SMH)
6. Spink (Mak), Reis (BC), Zinni (BJ), Maxwell, Villani (ACJ)
4. Hamilton (BC), Northcote (ACJ), House, Melb. Cr., Juchajal (GG), Julie (JUST)

SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS 0 SOUTH: MELBOURNE HELLAS 1 (Crino 80th) at Chaplin Reserve. Crowd about 3500. Ratings by Laurie Schwab:
GEO CROSS: Kastner 6 - Bennett 7 - James 9, Richardson 7 - Taylor 7, Faulkner 7, McLaren 7 (Lehnon 83rd), Bain 6 - Mitten 6, Glider 7, Latif 6. Coach: John Gardiner.
HELLAS: Launtes 8 - Russell 8, McDowell 9, Blair 9, Postecoglou 7 - Kanesoulis 6, Halford 6, Crino 8, Kalsgeros 5 (Verdixis 72nd) Brown 6, Egan 6. Coach: Len McKendry.

MELBOURNE CROATIA 0 GREEN GULLY 2 (Campbell 52nd, Cumming 66th) at Olympic Park. Attendance: 1000 (estimate). Ratings by Peter Desira:
MELBOURNE CROATIA: Runje 4 - Deankovic 5, McIntosh 6, Antolovic 6, House 5 - Biskic 6, Cristado 4 (Markovac 51st 63), Curovic 4 - Gajic 4, Warch 4, Lubic 5, Coach: Dom Kapetanovic.
GREEN GULLY: Dany 6 - Young 5 (Smart 86th), McLellan 5, Cannel 5, Hogen 6 - Cumming 6, Williams 7, Smallman 5 - Lucchesi 6, Lewis 6, Campbell 6. Coach: Steve Short.

Best players for Boral Bricks player of the year award: 6 Williams (Melb Cr.), 2 Slater (St. George), 29. Tapai (JUST), 27. Franken (Van), 26. Traianedes (Mak), 25. Koczka (St. G), 24. R. Stewart (BL), 23. Farina (SCH)

CANBERRA: Franken 8 - Mihailidis 7, Harkins 7, Burke 7, Bryant 7 - Dunn 6, Byrne 6, Sermanni 6, Gibson 5 - Lamond 7, English 5. Coach: Roy Thompson.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6 Rozic (c), 5 Franken (Canb.), 4 Rezo (Cr.), 3 Clinch (Cr.), 2 Burke (Candi), 1 A. Kovacic (Cr).

INTER-MONARO 3 (Cross own goal 42nd, Giampalo 53rd, Wilcox 87th), PENRITH 1 (Campbell 79th), at Seiffert Oval, Queanbeyan. Crowd: 641. Ratings by Peter Windsor:
MONARO: Hocking 7 - Williams 7, Tillas 7, Budini 8, Tullawa 7 - Ambrosino 9, Santolin 6, Wilcox 8 - Giampalo 6, Walsh 7 (Brennan, 73rd), Thannidis 8.
PENRITH: Gibson 7 - Bragan 7, Ainsworth 7, HeLui 7, Cross 7 - Wotherspoon 8, Campbell 7, Toohy 7, Licata 7 (Hunter 45th 8) - Easthope 7, Jones 7.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6 Ambrosino (IM), 5 Wilcox (IM), 4 Thannidis (Im), 3 Giampalo (IM), 2 Budini (IM), 1 Wotherspoon (P)

WOLLONGONG 2 (Morton 35th, Brodnick 43rd), MARCONI 3 (Lowe penalty 51st, 58th, penalty 80th) at Wollongong Showgrounds. Crowd: 1100. Ratings by Knut Werner:
WOLLONGONG: Vekov 6 - Green 7, Vliestra 7, Willis 7, Gaffney 7 - Morton 8, Brodnick 7, Koramindis 7, Hristovski 6 (Kerr 80th) - Godzik 6, Brodnick 7. Coach: Adrian Alston.
MARCONI: McPherson 6 - Carter 7, Sterrey 7, Calderan 6, Rizzotto 7 - Gray 6, Mason 6, Treddnick 8 - Sharne 6, Lowe 6, Brown 7. Coach: Les Scheffling.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6 Mason (Marci), 5 Lowe (Marci), 4 Morton (Woll), 3 Treddnick (Marci), 2 Bundulo (Woll), 1 Rizzotto (Marci)

Youth leagues

Victorian Youth League results: Fawkner 0 B. U. Juventus 3; Sunshine G.C. 1 5th Melbourne 2; Footscray 2 Nunawading City 2; Heidelberg Utd 1 Preston 1; Melb Croatia 1 Green Gully 1; Crovdon City 2 Frankston Pines 2.

This weekend's youth games:

SATURDAY
Green Gully v Crovdon City; Frankston Pines v Footscray J.U.S.T.

SUNDAY
Nunawading City v Fawkner; Brunswick Juventus v Sunshine; George Cross v 5th Melbourne; Hellas v Heidelberg Alexander; Preston Makedonia v Melbourne Croatia.

STANDINGS

| | W | D | L | F | A | Pt |
|-----------------|----|---|----|----|----|----|
| Heidelberg Utd | 13 | 1 | 4 | 88 | 28 | 27 |
| 5th Melbourne | 12 | 2 | 3 | 38 | 18 | 27 |
| B.U. Juventus | 10 | 6 | 2 | 81 | 29 | 26 |
| Melb Croatia | 10 | 5 | 3 | 40 | 14 | 25 |
| Preston | 10 | 5 | 3 | 41 | 21 | 25 |
| Footscray | 8 | 7 | 3 | 33 | 19 | 23 |
| Green Gully | 8 | 2 | 8 | 40 | 25 | 18 |
| Sunshine G.C. | 6 | 3 | 8 | 36 | 27 | 15 |
| Nunawading City | 4 | 5 | 11 | 19 | 48 | 13 |
| Wollongong City | 3 | 3 | 12 | 62 | 9 | 9 |
| Crovdon City | 2 | 2 | 14 | 14 | 63 | 6 |
| Frankston Pines | 2 | 2 | 14 | 20 | 71 | 6 |

Honeyman clears out

Graham Honeyman (WA-Hellas) increased his lead in the Boral Bricks \$1500 Player of the Year award to 14 votes with another best-on-ground performance against Brisbane City.

And Bugsy Nyskohus of Adelaide Juventus joined Charlie Egan (SM-Hellas) in equal second place, while Jim Patikas (Sydney Croatia) drew level with Egan on 13 goals in the Boral Bricks \$1000 top scorer's award.

Top vote-getters:

6. Honeyman (WAH).
5. Nyskohus (ACJ), Egan (SMH).
5. Gomez (SCH).
4. Rozic (Syd Cr).
4. Yankos (H'b), Bryant (Can).
4. Slater (St.G), Bundulo (W).

| | W | D | L | F | A | Pt |
|------------------------|----|---|----|----|----|----|
| SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS | 11 | 4 | 3 | 30 | 19 | 26 |
| BRUNSWICK-JUVENTUS | 10 | 5 | 3 | 29 | 17 | 25 |
| HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER | 8 | 6 | 4 | 26 | 15 | 22 |
| MELBOURNE CROATIA | 8 | 4 | 5 | 23 | 13 | 22 |
| PRESTON MAKEDONIA | 8 | 3 | 7 | 25 | 24 | 19 |
| Sunshine-George Cross | 6 | 6 | 6 | 18 | 18 | 18 |
| Adelaide City Juventus | 6 | 4 | 8 | 28 | 30 | 16 |
| Brisbane Lions | 6 | 4 | 7 | 17 | 22 | 16 |
| Brisbane City | 6 | 3 | 8 | 23 | 31 | 15 |
| West Adelaide Hellas | 5 | 4 | 9 | 20 | 28 | 14 |
| Green Gully | 4 | 5 | 9 | 17 | 24 | 13 |
| Footscray JUST | 3 | 2 | 13 | 18 | 35 | 8 |

NSL NORTHERN DIVISION

| | W | D | L | F | A | Pt |
|---------------------|----|---|----|----|----|----|
| SYDNEY CROATIA | 11 | 5 | 2 | 41 | 19 | 27 |
| MARCONI | 11 | 5 | 2 | 40 | 20 | 27 |
| SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH | 10 | 4 | 2 | 32 | 17 | 24 |
| SYDNEY OLYMPIC | 10 | 1 | 6 | 22 | 20 | 21 |
| ST. GEORGE BUDAPEST | 6 | 6 | 6 | 26 | 22 | 18 |
| Blacktown City | 7 | 3 | 8 | 27 | 23 | 17 |
| Canberra Olympians | 6 | 5 | 7 | 26 | 17 | 16 |
| Inter-Monaro | 6 | 4 | 8 | 26 | 34 | 16 |
| APIA-Leichhardt | 6 | 1 | 10 | 19 | 29 | 13 |
| Penrith | 3 | 6 | 9 | 20 | 26 | 12 |
| Newcastle-Rosebud | 3 | 4 | 11 | 17 | 36 | 10 |
| Wollongong | 3 | 4 | 11 | 20 | 42 | 10 |

BORAL BRICKS

We can help you build it.

43. A. Hunter (BL), Mason (M)
40. Crino (SMH)
39. Stevenson (H'b)
38. Hoare (B)
37. Biskic (Melb Cr)
36. R. Brown (M), Dickson (W)
35. E. Campbell (BJ), Wheatley (B)
34. Maxwell (ACJ)
33. Ratcliffe (St.G), Patikas (Syd Cr), Ozdakov (Syd Cr)
32. Hamilton (BC), Thannidis (IM)
31. Faulkner (SGC)
30. Gojevic, McIntosh (Melb Cr), Kyriakoulas (JUST), Bertogna (APIA)
- Top scorers:
13. Egan (SMH), Patikas (Syd Cr)
12. Arnold (Syd Cr)
10. Stevenson (H'b), Jankovic (M)
9. Price (WAH), Sweeney (BJ), R. Brown (M)
8. Smith (Mak), Latif (SGC), Lowe (M)
7. Ward (Melb Cr), D. Brown (WME), Kosmina (SCH), O'Connor (B)
6. Spink (Mak), Reis (BC), Zinni (BJ), Lewis (GG), Farina, Gomez (SCH), Morgan, Slater (St.G), Gray (M), Giampalo (IM), Dragicevic (Syd Cr)
5. Cole (Mak), Tassios (H'b), Pruvann (SO), Peterson (BJ), Maxwell, Villani (ACJ), Lee (ACJ), Colaguri (APIA), McKie (BL), Lamond (Can).

SOUTHERN DIVISION

(GG), 5 Hogen (GG), 4 Campbell (GG), 3 Biskic (MC), 2 McIntosh (MCI), 1 Lucchesi (GG)

ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS 2 (Villani 39th, Brown (og 65th) BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS 1 (Sweeney 61th) At Olympic Sports Field. Crowd: 2000. Ratings by Allan Crisp.

ADELAIDE CITY: Nisco 8 - Santarac 7, Nyskohus 9, Flounders 8, Tobin (Luongo 16th) - Melita 7, Northcote 7, Villani 8, Mullen 6 - Maxwell 8, Vidmar 5. Coach: Edmund Krefit.
BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS: Banovic 8 - Lewis 7, Brown 7, Dowie 7, Campbell 6 - Wade 8, Miranda (sent off 82nd), Peterson 8, Cullen 8 - Sweeney 6, Zinni 7. Coach: John Margeritis.
Best six for Boral Bricks player of the year award: 6 Nyskohus (ACJ), 5 Nisco (ACJ), 4 Wade (BJ), 3 Villani (ACJ), 2 Cullen (BJ), 1 Melita (ACJ).

BRISBANE CITY 0 WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 0 at Spencer Park. Crowd: 666. Ratings by Ricky Rosso.

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart 8 - Mangotti 7, Wilkinson 8, Milovanovic 7, Bromfield 7 - Juma 7, Pimblett 8, Hamilton 8, Fabrizio 7 - Reis 7 (Scriggins 70th), Carey 7. Coach: Jim Hermiston.
WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS: Crook 8 - Genikas 7, Honeyman 8, Hiern 8 - Mousoulis 6, Papadopoulos 53rd, Atsalas 7, Manou 7, Panagis 7, Stamatiopoulos 7, Price 8, Stefanopoulos 7. Coach: Neil McGachy.
Best six for Boral Bricks best players award: 6 Honeyman (WAH), 5 Hamilton (BC), 4 Hiern (WAH), 3 Wilkinson (BC), 2 Crook (WAH), 1 Bimblett (BC).

HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER 0 PRESTON MAKEDONIA 0 at Olympic Village. Crowd about 3000. Ratings by Ken Kontra.
HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER: Oliver 7 - McKie 7, Angele 7, Yankos 7, Marley 8 - Metaxas 6, Winn 8, Tassios 6 - Selamidis 6, Stevenson 7, Tsolakis 7. Coach: Brian Arok.

PRESTON MAKEDONIA: Traianedes 8 - McMillan 6, Dunn 7, Dobson 7, Heys 7 - Illoki 7, Petrov 6, Opsinis 6, Lane 8 - Cole 7, Spink 6. Coach: Billy Murray.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6 Winn (HA), 5 Traianedes (PM), 4 Lang (PM), 3 Marley (HA), 2 Heys (PM), 1 Oliver (HA).

ST GEORGE BUDAPEST 4 (Slater 4th, 69th & 80th; Bozanic 77th), APIA LEICHHARDT 1 (McBride 8th) at St George Stadium. Crowd: 653. Ratings by Alex Vasic.

ST GEORGE: Greedy 7 - Skenen 8, M. O'Shea 7, Ratcliffe 8, Koczka 8 - Petkovski, (Cotton 60th), Bozanic 7, J. O'Shea 8, Ricoy 7 - Slater 9, Morgan 6. Coach: Frank Arok.

APIA: Catlin 6 - Glen Sterrey 6, Mariani 6, Steven 6, Brown 6k - McCulloch 6, Butler 6, Hamilton 6 - Caban 6 (Genovese 45th 6) McBride 7, Morsello 6. Coach: Fil Battolico.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6 Slater (StG), 5 Koczka (StG), 4 Ratcliffe (StG), 3 Hamilton (APIA), 2 Skenen (StG), 1 McBride (APIA).

BLACKTOWN 0 ST GEORGE BUDAPEST 3 (Slater 28th & 54th, Morgan 75th pen) at the Gabbie. Crowd: 625. Ratings by Alex Vasic.

BLACKTOWN: Hoare 8 - Skellens 5, Pointer 7, Daley 7 (Spanos 35th - 5), Bourke 7 - Selavage 6, Thorntonvale 7, Bradley 7, Larkin 5 - McKie 5, van Egmond 5, (O'Connor 72nd), Casey: Casey DeBruin.

ST GEORGE: Greedy 8 - Skenen 7, Ratcliffe 8, M. O'Shea 7, Koczka 7 - Ricoy 7, Bozanic 6, (Green 75th), Petkovski 6 (Cotton 59th - 6), J. O'Shea 6 - Morgan 7, Slater 9. Coach: Frank Arok.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6 Slater (StG), 5 Hoare (BL), 4 Ratcliffe (StG), 3 Skenen (StG), 2 Koczka (StG), 1 Thorntonvale (BL).

APIA 1 (T. Steven 42nd) NEWCASTLE-ROSEBUD 0 at Lambert Park. Crowd: 518. Ratings by Michael Mikolajczyk.

APIA: Catlin 6 - G. Steven 6, B. Mariani 6, Mariani 6, Brown 7, McCulloch 6, Hamilton 8, Steven 7, Butler 5 - McBride 5, Morsello 6. Coach: Fil Battolico.

ROSEBUD: Gosling 7 - Thompson 6, Owens 7, Boogaard 8, M. Jones 6 - Maier 6, Macquarrie 7, Stewart 7, J. Senkalski 6 - Todd 6 (Milosevic 71st), Brandt 6. Coach: Willie Gallagher.

Best six for Boral Bricks best players award: 6 Hamilton (AI), 5 Steven (AI), 4 Macquarrie (NI), 3 Stewart (NI), 2 Gosling (NI), 1 Owens (NI).

Team of the Week

In brackets: number of appearances in team of the week.

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|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| NISCIOLI (1) (AC-Juventus) | JAMES (1) (S.Geo. Cross) | ROZIC (5) (Syd. Croatia) | McDOWELL (2) (SM-Hellas) | NYSKOHUS (5) (AC-Juventus) |
| R. STEWART (1) (Brix Lions) | AMBROSINO (2) (Inter-Monaro) | MASON (2) (Marconi) | HAMILTON (1) (APIA) | |
| LOWE (2) (Marconi) | SLATER (2) (St. Geo. Budapest) | | | |



NSL UNDER 21 PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARD \$500 to the winner

- Leaders:
44. Bundulo (W), Slater (St. G)
43. A. Hunter (BL)
36. Dickinson (W)
34. Maxwell (ACJ)
30. Gojevic (Melb Cr)
29. Tapai (JUST)
27. Franken (Van)
26. Traianedes (Mak)
25. Koczka (St. G)
24. R. Stewart (BL)
23. Farina (SCH)



NATIONAL LEAGUE BEST GOALKEEPER AWARD \$250 TO THE WINNER

Leaders:
38. Hoare (B)
27. Franken (Van)
26. Traianedes (Mak), Kastner (SGC), Gibson (P)
23. Wishart (BC)

19. Oliver (H'b), Runje (Melb Cr)
18. Hocking (IM)
17. Denys (GG), Evans (BL)
16. Gosling (NR)



Barry Hoare



OLYMPIC BLAMES 'AGGRESSIVE' HAKOAH CRAZED MOB RUNS WILD



Andrew Dettre 'Roos can't use Soper, Gomez!

Whatever the findings of the investigation into the ugly Olympic v Sydney Hakoah riot, there is one crystal-clear lesson in it for Frank Arok — he must not persevere with Gerry Gomez and Marshall Soper in the national team.

Fine players as they may be, they are awful risks in World Cup matches where cool heads will be needed.

One has to sympathise with Arok. He likes these two players precisely for their fighting qualities — for their "guts". But what they exhibited last Sunday — and not for the first time — wasn't ordinary courage but irresponsibility.

Do you imagine either of them, under immense pressure, in Auckland or Tel Aviv, caught up in the heat of the moment — and sent off early in the match.

The worst scenario Arok could write would be to play one of our crucial World Cup

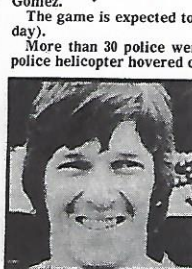


Gerardo Gomez

matches with 10 men and suffer a heavy defeat which couldn't be pegged back at them.

Both Soper and Gomez would be tremendous assets to the Socceroos — but only if they could control their temper. If Frank Arok goes ahead and selects them, perhaps assuming that he will succeed with them where other coaches have failed, he will multiply the already high risks of World Cup failure.

And while on the sad subject of Gomez and Soper: Arok should take this opportunity to

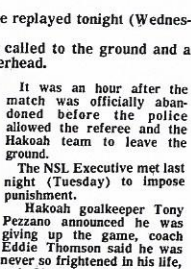


Marshall Soper

have a serious talk with the rest of his squad about matters of discipline, as some others also have a shaky disciplinary record.

The frightful confrontation last Sunday between Soper and Gomez must not be repeated in the NSL nor in the Socceroo team.

Those of us who have been following, with love, care and concern, the exploits of the national team for so many years, utterly reject the type of behavior which triggered off last Sunday's ugly riot.



Tony Pezzano

example and no great conclusions ought to be drawn as to the (future of) the game of soccer in Australia," he said.

Hakoah was leading 1-0 after a goal by Gomez in the 25th minute.

The two players previously had been cautioned and the crowd reacted violently when Soper was given his marching orders following the second incident involving Gomez.

The game is expected to be replayed tonight (Wednesday).

More than 30 police were called to the ground and a police helicopter hovered overhead.

It was an hour after the match was officially abandoned before the police allowed the referee and the Hakoah team to leave the ground.

The NSL Executive met last night (Tuesday) to impose punishment.

Hakoah goalkeeper Tony Pezzano announced he was giving up the game, coach Eddie Thomson said he was never so frightened in his life, and Olympic president Jim Petinellis will call a special club meeting over the affair.

"I'm not going to take this and will give the game away although I might think about it again during the week," said Pezzano.

"My parents come to these games because it is a safe place for their outdoor enjoyments but my mother was a wreck after the brawl."

"I tried to stop some of the people until I was hit from behind and then ran for safety."

Referee Small said: "I was punched, kicked, spat on, had my hair pulled and my shirt ripped. Until the initial foul the game was good and it upsets me for the sake of football."

Petinellis revealed that 10 days ago the club had protested over the appointment of Small and had asked for a neutral referee from interstate.

"Last year in the same match, three players were sent off and there was crowd trouble. If it had been someone like FIFA referee Chris Bambridge from Melbourne I'm sure today's events would not have happened," he said.

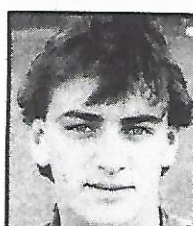
"I might have to approach the council to build a two metre fence but what else can I do? We are volunteer officials who give our time, family life and money to the club and I was repaid today by my own supporters attacking and accusing me."

"Police estimate up to 300 people jumped the fence and overran the field at Ashfield in Sydney's west, to kick and punch referee Small and a linesman."

Hakoah players and officials were forced to run for safety after angry Olympic supporters attacked them with fists and flag posts.

Police say none of the injuries was serious but several of the Hakoah players carried bruises and facial injuries from punches and kicks.

A spectator missed three attempts to batter Hakoah coach Eddie Thomson with a flagpost, another threw a medical case at him while another made a similar flagpost attack on goalkeeper Pezzano.



Peter Scott

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This behavior has been made by Olympic officials or, for that matter, by the National Soccer League and the Australian Soccer Federation.

The apparent reticence to quell mob behavior has something to do with the financial rewards of large crowds attending the club's games.

Even if the dollars and cents are there, the price — soccer's credibility and good name — is just too high.

On peak-hour television, Hakoah defender Alex Robertson claimed it was lucky no-one got killed last Sunday.

I, for one, have been warning for several seasons now that something tragic eventually will happen unless soccer officials do at long last does its job.

I was even moved to query a leading NSL administrator two seasons ago as to who would bear the legal — not to mention moral — liability when someone does finally get killed or badly hurt during one of these rampages?

Needless to say, no answer was forthcoming.

Let's clean up soccer and find the people who have the iron will to do it.

Remaining fans in danger of being bored to death

I don't know whether the ASF, NSL and clubs, are concerned about soccer's slump at all; if they are, they don't show it.

Not a week goes by without at least some of the NSL teams attracting 'crowds' counted in hundreds.

Constantly we hear stories about certain matches having drawn less than 100 paying customers. People tell these horror stories with a chuckle, with mock indignation or genuine sadness — depending on their mood.

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I will be especially interested to see what happens, for instance, at Penrith, which was so annoyed with my recent criticism.

Last year it found a fairy godfather, godmother and great-godparents in the shape of a fellow licensed club, some politicians and others to save the club from drowning.

Will they come to the rescue once again — or will Penrith, sensibly in my view — play at a level it can afford?

The real question is: why are crowds melting away — why do people stay away from soccer?

Everybody you talk to will mention several reasons, some valid, some fanciful.

But fundamentally, I think, it boils down to a very simple truth: the standard of most matches is dismally low.

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imports. And their basic approach to soccer has remained unchanged.

In between — mainly the 1960s and early 1970s — we enjoyed a few good years when all leading teams were stacked with South American and Continental players of superior skill.

Of course, even then we had our district teams which clung to their own style of soccer — but bit by bit, their influence shrunk and even vanished.

Or so one thought. Because, with the passing of the South American and Continental Age, we are now back to the old steak-and-eggs-and-drippings type of soccer. And that is sending people packing.

I think the ASF should very quickly re-assess its policy of limiting imports from overseas.

The original decision was based on a praise worthy idea, to encourage local talent.

But clearly local talent is inadequate.

Just as the Sydney Symphony Orchestra, our universities, the opal mines at Andamooka or the railway gangs in the desert could not function without migrant brains and brawn, Australian soccer teams also need such influences.

Of course, the danger is that we could be flooded, once again, by hordes of English rejects whose only alternative to the dole is migration to Oz.

But a well thought out and carefully monitored policy of bringing skillful players here from 'developed' soccer countries — Greece, Italy, Yugoslavia, Poland, Hungary and South America — could once again help create teams which please spectators rather than bore them to death.

And bored they are. When an Eddie Thomson, the highly successful coach of Hakoah Sydney, honestly admits that he wouldn't pay to watch some of our NSL matches — including his own team's — there is need to re-examine our stock.

More and more people agree with Eddie Thomson, less and less turn up and pay their \$5 or \$6 to watch our games.

It's up to the club administrations to examine their position and chart their future course.

I hope they do it before it's too late — but, tragically enough, I doubt whether they have the honesty, wisdom and ability to tackle this problem which, inevitably, will destroy the NSL and perhaps semi-pro soccer with it.

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Traianedes saves Vankos penalty

Haid. Alexander 0 Pres. Makedonia 0

Venus: Olympic Village Crowd: About 3000 Yellow Cards: Cole (PM), Stevenson (HA).

Referee: Don Campbell S.

Steve Winn, playing in the centre of the midfield in place of the injured George Christopoulos, did exceptionally well, attacking at every opportunity and, when not in possession, showed surprising defensive qualities.

For Makedonia Sean Lane and Zoran Ilkoski, playing the speed of Peter Tsolakis and Stuart Stevenson, and Gary Cole and Warren Spink respectively, again with negative results.

Overall, Heidelberg did have the better chances.

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Makedonia had its moments however. Warren Spink shot over from close range in the 11th minute; George McMillan bounced a thundering shot off the crossbar halfway through the first half and in the 70th minute Ian Dobson's header was kicked off the goal-line by Steve Marley following Sean Lane's corner.

Of course, the most glaring miss was Charlie Yankos's penalty.

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Man of the match: STEVE WINN (Haid. Alexander)

tricky footwork until his source of supply was cut off during the latter part of the second half.

In the 54th minute Tsolakis collected a through ball, took on McMillan inside the penalty area and was brought down. South Australian referee Don Campbell, who incidentally had a fine game, awarded a penalty.

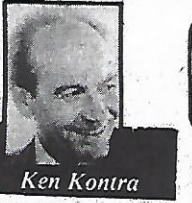
Charlie Yankos took the spot kick, but it was neither well placed nor powerful enough, and Phil Traianedes capped off a good day's work by saving it.

Although towards the end of the game both teams appeared to be resigned to splitting the points, it was a thoroughly enjoyable encounter overall.

Despite the lack of positive finishing games like this will no doubt enhance the reputation of NSL soccer!

After the match, Brian Garvey and Billy Murray, while disappointed at not gaining maximum points, regarded the one point as reasonable reward for the afternoon's work under the circumstances.

For Heidelberg, the point was important for keeping in touch with the top, and for Makedonia it means a top five berth, due to the defeat of Sunshine George Cross.



Ken Kontra

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Scheinflug cool, Marton menacing

Wollongong 2 Marconi 3

Scorers: Marconi 35th, Brodnik 43rd (W); Lowe penalty 51st, 55th, penalty 80th (M).

VENUE: Wollongong Showgrounds

Crowd: About 1,100

Referee: Graham Warne 6

Marconi gave the unfortunate Wollongong a lesson in determination when it came from two goals down to record a 3-2 win at Wollongong Showground.

Man of the match: CRAIG MASON (Marconi)

confident Marconi would win.

Wollongong had thoroughly deserved to be leading 2-0 at halftime, playing with the advantage of a strong wind, but Marconi bounced back with a vengeance after the break.

Scheinflug said he had no thoughts of reading the riot act to his players at halftime.

"It was the first time we have been two goals down this season but I never really thought the boys were rat-

ted."

It looked as if Wollongong would overrun the highly rated Sydney side as it stormed the goal in the first half.

Wollongong looked anything but relegation material as it dominated midfield through Peter Kotamanidis, Alex Bundalo and Zivko Hristovski.

The experienced Dez Marton had a big game for Wollongong, scoring the first goal and setting up the second.

Once Marconi grabbed its first goal soon after halftime Wollongong was forced to defend doggedly.

Wollongong coach Adrian Alston said this goal was the turning point of the match.

"If we had survived just a little longer without conceding that goal, we would have picked up two very important points," Alston said.

Wollongong went ahead after 39 minutes when Marton curled a corner from the right into the wind and it eluded the defence to float into the net.

This goal spurred on the home team and Hristovski hit the crossbar from close range before Striker Pat Brodnik made it 2-0 on the stroke of halftime.

Marton appeared on the right, cut the ball back from the by-line and Brodnik slammed a first-time shot into the roof of the Marconi net.

Lowe notched the third of his goals with six minutes to go when he was successful with a penalty after Peter Willis had handled under pres-

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Miranda in weird exit,

Niscioli in top debut



Charley Villani (left) scores Adelaide Juventus' equaliser, firing past Aurelio Vidmar and opponent Peter Lewis. Picture by FRANK HOBBS.

AC Juventus 2 BV Juventus 1

Scorers: Sweeney 16th, Villani 35th, Brown (own goal) 55th.
Venue: Olympic Sports Field
Referee: Barry Harwood (WA) 8

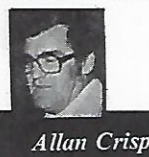
Sent off: Miranda
Cautions: Miranda, Mullan

A dream debut by teenage goalkeeper Steve Niscioli; a classic defensive performance by Bugsy Nyskohus; a great first-time goal by Charley Villani and the sensational send-off of Richard Miranda.

These were the ingredients which set this game apart and above the ordinary. Niscioli, 16, was rushed into the Adelaide Juventus team after regular first choice goalkeeper Willie McNally suffered back injuries during the final training session last Friday night.

The lad, who will turn 17 next February, decried his tender years by keeping Adelaide Juventus in the game with great second half saves to deny Andrew Zinni, Miranda and Mike Petersen.

Those saves were allied to several great overhead catches and expert interceptions of crosses as Brunswick strove desperately to salvage a point late in the game.



Allan Crisp

The slightly built goalkeeper was recently dropped from the Under 16 national squad bound for China and the World Under 16 Cup.

On the basis of his display against the former Southern Division leader last Sunday, someone has made a terrible blunder.

Andrew Tobin, also discarded from a national squad (the Soccer Youth Squad) had less fortune than Niscioli. Lanky Tobin suffered a groin injury and had to be replaced by Ernie Luongo after only 16 minutes.

Adelaide Juventus had an earlier setback 10 minutes before when Joe Sweeney put Brunswick in front, after collecting a fine pass from Zinni.

But the home-side snapped back when Villani performed his magic to hook his first-timer past Yakka Banovic in the Brunswick goal.

Adrian Santrac had supplied the cross, Brian Northcote the nod-on and Villani did the rest. Northcote and Villani also

THE FIGHT FOR LEADERSHIP



Laurie Schwab

Man of the match:
GARY McDOWELL
(SM-Hellas)

Geo. Cross 0 SM-Hellas 1

Scorer: Crino 80th.

Venue: Chaplin Reserve.

Credit: about 2500

Cautions: Mitten (SGC), Taylor (SGC), Postecoglou (SMH).

Referee: Alan Kibbler (Qsld) 6.

Gary McDowell and Tyrone James showed their superior ability as Hellas regained Southern Division leadership despite the absence of Ken Murphy, John Zyzendorn and Vlado Bozinski.

John Kanesoulis and George Kalogeros came into the side and McDowell, out of position at right midfield for most of the season, again filled in as sweeper with a great deal of success.

Despite an injury which almost prevented him from taking the field, and a badly cut lip that required taping during the first half, McDowell defended grandly and also pushed up at every opportunity, giving Hellas an extra man in midfield and even in attack.

James, on the other hand, did a purely defensive job in minimising the danger posed by the NSL's top scorer, Charlie Egan. He did it perfectly, though Egan broke clear only once — and shot too high from outside the area.

George Cross John Gardiner showed scant regard for Hellas's reputation, opting for a three-man attack rather than overloading his midfield or defence. Noel Mitten was the extra man used up front.

Ossie Luf had a couple of chances to win the game for George Cross but in the end, the issue was decided by a close-range header from Oscar Crino 10 minutes from the end.

Hellas thus climbed back to the top of the ladder because Brunswick Juventus lost 1-2 to Adelaide Juventus in Adelaide.

Indestructible McDowell!

The loss was George Cross's second in as many weeks after a six-week unbeaten run, and it cost the team its place in the top five.

But if Ossie Latif regains some luck, George Cross still could achieve its aim of qualifying for the finals.

It is generally known that Latif has scored more goals this year (15) than Egan (14). Latif's tally is made up of 8 in the league, three in the National Cup and four in the Buffalo Cup, while Egan has scored 13 in the league and one in the Buffalo Cup.

Hellas started well against George Cross, with Kanesoulis robbing Mitten of the ball in defence, and starting a move which saw Crino playing a through ball for McDowell. Egan dummed in the middle, letting the ball go to Brown for a shot that whistled over.

George Cross replied with a nice through ball from Don McLaren, which left Latif facing Laumets in the 8th minute. Laumets, however, was well positioned to save Latif's low shot.

Crino, on an angle inside the penalty area, played the ball goalwards and McDowell, at the far post, just failed to get onto the end of it.

A minute later, McDowell split his lip in a clash with Mitten who was shown the yellow card, and for some reason, Queensland referee Alan Kibbler allowed McDowell to be treated while seated on the pitch, holding up play for three minutes, during which the fans voiced their impatience in no uncertain manner. Shortly afterwards, Kibbler also allowed Jeff Faulkner to be treated on the pitch, resulting in a total of five minutes of injury time being played at the end of the half.

Such injuries should be treated OFF the pitch.

Laumets didn't have terribly much to do, but what he did was classy. In the 36th

minute he prevented a certain goal with sheer brilliance. Latif, on a through ball from McLaren, skirted past Laumets inside the penalty area, as Laumets dived in a vain attempt to grab the ball from Latif's feet. Laumets was down now, with Latif still in possession but somehow, Laumets sprang up to smother as Latif took his shot.

Steve Richardson took the ball on a leisurely walk, back and forth along the edge of the penalty area, hoping perhaps all the Hellas players would run off the pitch and George Cross to score. It never works and it didn't this time. Eventually, Richardson had to pass it.

McLaren, who already had set up two scoring chances for Latif, prevented a certain goal by Hellas when he beat Egan to the ball in the six-yard box in the 59th minute. It surprised me when coach Gardiner decided to replace McLaren with Mark Lennon late in the match. McLaren had set up more than the other midfielders put together.

Peter Vardaxis impressed when he replaced Kalogeros in the Hellas team in the 72nd minute. He earlier had scored twice in the Hellas youth team, and soon will be one of the biggest names in Victorian soccer.

Ossie Latif provided the most spectacular action of the second half, with an adventurous overhead shot which went narrowly over the bar in the 73rd minute, but Hellas took the lead only seven minutes later.

George Cross goalkeeper Lou Kastner claimed after the game that Egan had held him by the arm as he tried to get across to stop Crino's header.

Latif had one last chance to tie the score as he raced through after a free kick by Faulkner, but Laumets stopped the move at the near post.

Man of the match:
BUGSY NYSKOHUS
(AC Juventus)

were involved in the winner in the 55th minute when midfielder Northcote slammed a left wing cross-shot goalwards and Villani followed up to ensure the ball found its target.

However, Brunswick defender Brian Brown intercepted, but only succeeded in turning the ball into his own net.

Miranda's expulsion was ironic, since he was the man who caused the send-off of team mate Fabio Incantalupo the previous week.

This time Miranda brought Northcote down in a crude tackle, but crashed, landed on his head, and injured his neck.

Since Miranda had previously been cautioned, referee Barry Harwood had no option but to send him off.

So as the luckless Miranda was being placed on a stretcher, his pain was increased as he was shown the red card.

An ambulance was called, but after examination by the Brunswick club doctor, Miranda was allowed to join his team mates on the flight back home.

Man of the match:
ROBBIE SLATER
(St. George)

St. George 4 APIA 1

Scorers: Slater 4th, 69th & 80th; Bozanic 77th; McBride 8th.

Venue: St. George Stadium

Crowd: 653.

St. George winger Robbie Slater scored a magnificent hat-trick to lay the foundation for his team's 4-1 win over APIA Leichhardt at St. George Stadium.

Not only did Slater score his first hat-trick ever in the National League, but also created the other goal for the Saints.

Slater opened the score in the fourth minute when he broke down the right flank and cut inside. From 20 metres out, he smashed a high left-footed drive into the top left-hand corner of APIA's goal.

Five minutes later, APIA equalised through recently-signed Scottish striker, McBride, who hit the target with a low 18-metre drive that sneaked just inside the St. George far post.

St. George was unlucky in the 27th minute when Slater again was on the scene. This time he raided down the left flank before letting fly with a 20-metre drive that crashed onto the post and was cleared by the APIA defence.

APIA looked like going ahead in the 38th minute when substitute striker Tony Genovese broke away with

Slater puts Saints into the top five

only St. George goalkeeper, Terry Greedy, to beat.

But just as Genovese set himself to shoot, St. George centre-back Mike O'Shea appeared from nowhere to foul Genovese just outside the penalty area, earning a yellow card from referee Tim Davies.

In the 69th minute, Slater scored his second goal when he nodded down a cross from the right flank sent in by substitute Roy Cotton, then crashed into the net a vicious half volley from three metres out.

Slater again was on the scene in the 77th minute when he cut back a ball off the goal line for Vic Bozanic to hammer a first time shot into the net from 12 metres out and put the Saints ahead 3-1.

With 10 minutes left and St. George completely dominating proceedings, Slater scored his third goal to complete his hat-trick from 12 metres out.

"It was a great feeling cracking my first-ever hat-trick," the red-headed St. George striker said.

After the match, St. George manager-coach, and Australia's World Cup coach, Frank Ark, said Slater had made all the difference.

"If he could display a similar form over four or five matches, I would call him into the national squad," said Ark.

APIA coach, Fil Bottalico, left St. George Stadium before the match kicked off, complaining of feeling unwell.

CROATIA DEPLETED

Syd. Croatia 1 Canberra 0

Venue: Croatia Stadium

Referee: R. Kirobo

Scorer: Patikas 48th

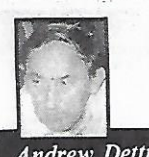
In its depleted state, without the injured or suspended Woodhouse, Vidale, Marjan Kovacic and Basic, Croatia had to be satisfied with an ordinary display and a narrow win. Even so, they could have finished up with a much more impressive scoreline had Jim Patikas taken one or two of his enormous chances.

Canberra clearly arrived hoping for a scoreless draw. It almost achieved its aim as it failed to score.

With the exception of the last 20 minutes or so, it was dull, negative and offensively impotent.

With its three lightweight strikers they will find most NSL defences impenetrable, despite the skill of English and the dazzling speed of Lamond.

Both teams "scored" an early goal, disallowed, for



Andrew Dettre

hands and offside, then the enterprising Clinch broke through twice only to see Franken make some excellent saves.

Soon after the break Patikas received a good cross from the left and slammed his shot into the roof of the net.

Then, in the next half hour or so, the same Patikas messed up three colossal chances, when facing only Franken.

At the other end, Terry Byrne proved that he is a far cry from the once sharp finisher. Twice he had a free header at goal — and sent loftballs into the arms of Watson.

One minute from fulltime, in the middle of a skirmish, it looked as if a Canberra player

Man of the match:
VEDRAN ROZIC
(Croatia)

was upended in the box — even the Croatia fans froze with fright until the referee waved play on ensuring that the points, rather deservedly, stay at Edensor Road.

Once again, Croatia can thank its player-coach Rozic for piloting it to a win. His steady influence at the back and impeccable distribution set the style for the team.

Two usually unsung heroes, David Rezo and Shane Clinch, were Croatia's midfield dynamos.

The star-rated Ozdok looked heavy and sluggish while up front Arnold was very well held by Burke.

Young Canberra keeper Franken showed outstanding reflexes while diminutive Manis Lamond gave a preview of his colossal dash and speed.

McGachey, Hermiston look to '86

Brisbane City 0 WA-Hellas 0

Venue: Spencer Park

Crowd: 666

Cautions: Manou, Honeyman (WAH)

Referee: Stuart Mellings 8

Thoughts of next year are already uppermost in the minds of West Adelaide's Neil McGachey and Brisbane City's Jim Hermiston and on this performance it seems the remainder of the season is just a formality for the players.

Although, before the game, both coaches talked of slim semi-final chances, both sides needed to win to stay alive.

The scoreless draw all but assured that they would finish mid-table.

That in itself is an achievement for both clubs as last year West finished 10th and City were 11th.

Success does not come overnight and both coaches this season have begun to rebuild and now there is talent which can be developed for the future.

Hermiston already is scouting Queensland for



Ricky Rosso

young stars while McGachey plans to sign four players during an overseas trip later this year.

Good strikers are what is needed by both sides. Although Alan Reis (City) and Gary Price (West) are good ball players both suffer from a lack of good support.

That was evident in this match as both sides struggled to find the net.

The first half was mostly uneventful with play swinging back and forth without any real close chances.

City appealed for a penalty in the 21st minute, but Melbourne referee Stuart Mellings was nowhere near as charitable as Gordon Nicholson the week before, and correctly brushed aside the appeals after the tackle on Bobby Hamilton.

Man of the match:
GRAHAM HONEYMAN
(WA Hellas)

Six minutes later West Adelaide had the ball in the net, but Gary Price was ruled offside after he pounced on a through ball dropped by Kim Wishart.

The second half was all City but also featured some superb defence by West, with Graham Honeyman supreme in organising his side.

Martyne Crook also made some fine saves as the home side continued to knock the ball into West's penalty area.

Harry Bromfield, Alan Reis and Frank Mengotti were all unlucky with attempts which flew just wide or high.

Mellings, who demonstrated to some Brisbane fans that a game can be handled with a minimum of controversy, handed out two cards for over-zealous tackling to Honeyman and Chris Manou.

West came to Brisbane as a station through the telecasts and aim to make this year's coverage bigger and better than previously.

The championships begin in the Soviet Union on August 24 with Australia meeting the host nation in Minsk. Australia's other opponents in the preliminary round are Canada and Nigeria, with two teams qualifying for the quarter finals. The final will take place in Moscow on September 7.

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Australia, a qualifier for the past two World Youth Championships, is highly fancied to reach at least the quarter-final stage of this year's competition.

Our coverage of the 1983 finals in Mexico was an outstanding success for the network and Australian soccer in general," SBS-TV soccer presenter Les Brown said. "We expect next year's

coverage to be even better."

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Peter Tredinnick, beautifully balanced as ever, and one of the bargains of the year as far as coach Les Scheinflug is concerned. Tredinnick joined Marconi from APIA and has seven Socceroos appearances to his credit.

Marconi, from left, standing: Craig Mason, Geoff Gunning, Steve Calderan, Mark Jankovics, Alex McPherson, Tony Henderson, Paul Carter. Front row: Ian Gray, Martin Driene, Lee Sterrey, David Lowe, Rod Brown, Peter Tredinnick. Insets: Joe Rizzotto (left), Bruce James — Picture: LES SHORROCK.

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TONY HENDERSON (Defender): "He's been rejuvenated by the new players we've signed and the way we're playing now. He realizes how I want him to play and he's doing a great job for Marconi. The timing of his disposal is good and he mixes it up. Sometimes, you want to play short passes, other times you want to play the ball long. Tony Henderson is a far better covering defender this year. There were times last year when I felt that our full backs were left on their own too much. That doesn't happen this year."

STEVE CALDERAN (Defender): "A very, very honest player. Very good in the air. His disposal has improved this year and he's a very determined boy. He plays to his strengths and he's a really great trainer."

CRAIG MASON (Midfielder): "Gives us tremendous balance in midfield. He reads the game particularly well and his aggression in the tackle is just great. In fact, I

think that Craig Mason is the best ball-winner in Sydney soccer. He made a big, big difference to us last year when he joined from Newcastle and he's been continuing his good work this season."

IAN GRAY (Midfielder): "He was very unfit at the start. He came back from the Socceroos' world tour at the end of last year with a couple of injury problems and he didn't really get a chance to lunge down at training until March this year, but I've been very, very pleased with him. He makes tremendous off-the-ball runs and he's giving support to our front line players. We swapped him for Tom McCulloch and I'm very pleased with the way things have worked out."

PETER TREDINNICK (Midfielder): "A real leader out on the park. He reminds me so much of Jimmy Rooney. His backing up is great, he makes some really fine runs out wide, he's a good crosser of the ball and he's a real dynamo. Peter Tredinnick is good for Marconi on and off the park. He's great in the dressing rooms. He really gets the players going."

PETER SHARNE (Forward): "I'm confident that he'll come good for the finals. He's had injury problems. He had a bad groin early on but he's come back and he's scored a few goals in the

youths which is a good sign. He's still got his pace and he's still got a lot to contribute to Marconi. Peter needs to be built up all the time, because he's never been a very confident person, but once you make him realise that he still can do it, he can go out there and worry the life out of any defender."

MARK JANKOVICS (Forward): "Very, very experienced and excellent in the air. He's had hamstring problems three times this year but I know that Marconi needs Mark Jankovics up front. He's our leading scorer and he's a vital part of the side."

DAVID LOWE (Forward): "He's got all the talent in the world and he's gathering experience every year. He's going to be a truly great player. He's been criticised for being overweight but that's not fair. Some players look bigger than others. Look at Doug Brown of South Melbourne Hellas for example. But you're not going to tell me that David Lowe isn't doing a great job for Marconi. He was two kilos overweight at the start of the season but I didn't worry about that because I felt we had a long, hard haul ahead of us and I knew that he'd trim down. He's improved his ability to slow down play and hold the ball until he gets support and he's been scoring great goals,

goals that other forwards wouldn't even dream of. He's very valuable to Marconi."

ROD BROWN (Forward): "Excellent speed and very good in the air. He works off Lowe a lot and, of course, their partnership has been going for some time now, having started with the national youth team. Rod Brown's been scoring and he can get even more goals. He's a great asset."

MARTIN DRIENE (Midfielder): "Had quite a few games this season and as I've said before, he's a big talent. He just has to wait for his chance to really establish himself. It will come."

GEOFF GUNNING (Forward): "He's strong, he's fast and he's got bags of raw talent. He can do it. He can make a name for himself."

Being successful isn't just about having good players and a good coach. It's also about having a great administrative back-up. And Scheinflug is full of praise for Marconi chairman Ron Cavagnino.

"Ron's been great, he really has. He's given me just the kind of support every coach needs and I want to stress how indebted I am to him. He realised last year what I was trying to do and he, like me, believed in the players. He knows what we're capable of this year."

Scheinflug's 1979 Marconi

side which swept all before it, was a team made up of tremendous quality and experience. The current side is talented but younger and, according to Scheinflug, a lot faster. He honestly believes

that the 1984 Marconi is good enough to win the championship. Just as importantly, this year's Marconi side has age on its side, meaning that Scheinflug has assembled a squad which can strive for success for years to come.



David Lowe, who made 22 national youth appearances and scored 16 goals, the highest tally to date.

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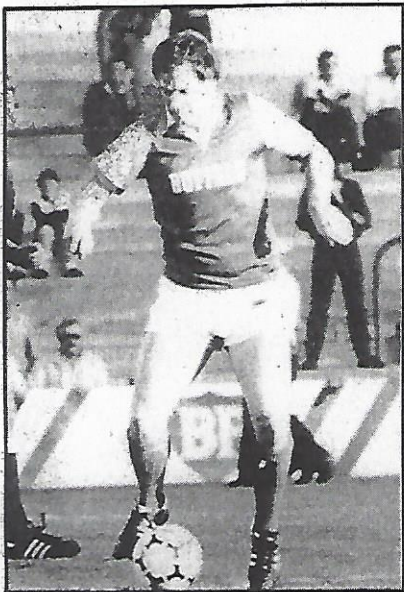
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McLachlan 'walks in water'



Morwell's star midfielder Jim MacLean — winner of the 1984 Victorian Rothmans Medal.

**Springvale 0
Morwell F. 0**

Venue: Ross Reserve.

I remember watching Doveton avoid relegation from Stage League in 1982. The atmosphere in the Doveton clubrooms after each precious point was gained was strangely exhilarating. Strange, I guess, because of the aura that surrounds the underdog. There's something peculiarly riveting about watching a competitor nearly hammered to a pulp, pulling himself up off the canvas and starting to hit back.

I'm starting to get that same strange feeling in the Springvale clubrooms. A few weeks ago, Springvale was on its knees. Some suggested that it was time to start waving the white flag.

Springvale players had little to look forward to. Neither had the committee nor the supporters. Dooomsday already had come for some.

Jan Greener resigned as coach. Bobby McLachlan isn't quite sure why he accepted the post. But that's McLachlan all over. He offends acts on hunch.

In two weeks, Springvale has won its first home game of the season and drawn with last year's State League champion. Smiles from Springvale players after these games were genuine.

One wag after this 0-0 draw with Falcons, when asked where McLachlan was, told the inquisitor "Wee Bobby's out the back, doing a demonstration on how to walk on water."

Another described McLachlan as "The Messiah".

McLachlan would have played down both remarks. Indeed, after the previous week's win against Thomastown, McLachlan told the players that their display would prompt such remarks, but that they were the same players who had taken the club to the foot of the State League ladder.

Greener still is held in high regard at Springvale, which tells you something about the kind of people at the club. Greener earned their respect by taking the club from Second Division to State League.

"We're deeply indebted to Jan. He's played a huge part in what certainly must be the most successful period in this club's history," said president Ralph Settle.

Hear! Hear!

Another niche in that history will be carved if Springvale avoids the drop.

Morwell pinned Springvale in, during most of the first half, but failed to create many chances. McLachlan had Martin Vogel kicking up Ross Quoy's appearance record. The game against Sandringham City was Storey's 31st for Waverley, surpassing Quoy's record of 317 which was set last season.

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SPRINGVALE CITY 0 MORWELL FALCONS 0 at Ross Reserve, Saturday.

SPRINGVALE CITY: Perry Mur 6 — Vogel 7, Adams 7, Luyten 7 — K. Humble 6 (in), Nelson H.T. 6, Bentley 6, Luca 5, Fitzpatrick 5 — D. Amico 5, Garvey 6, Matthews 6, Coach: Bob McLachlan.

MORWELL FALCONS: Blain 6 — Bingham 7, Bruns 6, Tuill 6, Train 6, O'Callaghan 6, MacLean 7, Moore 5, (T. van Baar 74th), Cassar 4 — Storton 5 (Kazimierz 56th), Athersych 5, Coach: Jimmy Dunne.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Vogel (Spring), 2. Bingham (Morwell), 1. Adams (Spring).

FRANKSTON PINES 1 (Cullen 42nd) CROYDON CITY 1 (Tansay 88th) at Monterey Reserve, Saturday.

FRANKSTON PINES: Janssen 5 — Cumming 7, Thurlow 7, Ross 7, Watson 3 — Cooke 7, Nelson 7, Cullen 8, McGinnigan (in), Hennessy 2nd 7, Webster 7, Thomas 7, Coach: Danny McLintock.

CROYDON CITY: Whiteside 7 — Brown 8, O'Reilly 7 (in), Brewerton 7th, Singleton 7, Tansay 8 — Taylor 7, Kerr 8, Livingstone 7 — Ollerton 7 (McDonald 70th), French 7, Brogan 7, Coach: Peter Ollerton.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Watson (Pines), 2. Kerr (Croy), 1. Webster (Pines).

KNOX CITY 0 BOX HILL 2 (A. Humble 2nd, Hughes penalty 30th) at Egan Lee Reserve, Saturday.

KNOX CITY: McTurk 6 — Loy Saisi 5, Bissinger 7, Tunstall 7 — Lucio Saisi 5, Smith 6, Roddis 8, G. Bakker 5 — Phillips 5 (Turner 60th), Underwood 8, Wild 6, Coach: Duncan Smith.

BOX HILL: McKinnay 9 — McPhee 7, Basic 5 (Lawler 65th), McMillan 7, A. Roomhouse 7 — Taylor 6 (Azopard 80th), Hughes 8, Hennessy 7, White 5 — Vereschia 7, A. Humble 7, Coach: Keith Webster.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. McKinnay (Box Hill), 2. Hughes (Box Hill), 1. Roddis (Knox).

ST ALBANS DINAMO 1 (Culina 90th) FAWKNER 1 (Macloed 26th) at Churchill Reserve, Saturday.

ST ALBANS DINAMO: M. Grigic 7 — Kustura 9, Ramljak 6, Brkicjak 7, S. Grigic 6 — Pavlovic 5 (Lerotic H.T. 4), Pozar 7, Culina 7, Desic 8 — Kuna 5 (Rastocic 65th), Batniovic 8, Coach: Tony Vrzina.

FAWKNER: Terzini 5 — Jolevack 6, Fetore 6, Macloed 8, Hobson 9 — Cavallari 4 (Lie 60th), Quigley 7, Angello 7 — Palinkas 7, Cicolani 5, Boyle 7 (Loughnane 85th), Coach: Pepe Carrisi.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Hobson (Fawk), 2. Kustura (Dinamo), 1. Macloed (Fawk).

RINGWOOD WILHELMINA 0 POLONIA 0 at Jubilee Park, Sunday.

RINGWOOD WILHELMINA: Kasimirs 7 — Haupt 8, Corke 7, Murray 7, Wemyss 8 — M. Bakker 7, Shannon 6, Burton 7 — Kebede 8, Thompson 6 (Nyholt 70th), Stewart 6, Coach: Cor Teeuw.

POLONIA: Dzielekowski 7 — Lipietz 7 (in), Vonja 80th, Smolarek 7, Innes 7, Little 7 — Auld 6, Avian 8, Gibson 9, Gregorcuk 5 — Warsawski 7, Przybyla 7, Corke, Eddie Reid.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Gibson (Pol), 2. Kebede (RW), 1. Haupt (RW).

THOMASTOWN 3 (Lakic 44th, Carfora 70th, Flaherty 86th) NORTHCOTE 2 (P. Constantinou 47th, Patiniotis 52nd) at Partridge Reserve, Sunday.

THOMASTOWN: Rapoti 7 — Di Berardino 6, Cosentino 8, Smale 7, Aracori 7 (in), Belli H.T. 6 — Comar 6, Di Martino 7, Dallas 6 (Carfora 65th), B. Coyte 7 — Lakic 7, Flaherty 8, Coach: Joe Wilson.

NORTHCOTE: Glanopoulos 5, Glanopoulos 5, Kouremenos 7, Cutler 7, J. Constantinou 7 — Filippis 4, Toro 7, Panagopoulos 5 (Moshidis 65th) — Patiniotis 8, Patsacos 6, P. Constantinou 6, Coach: Jimmy Pyrgiolis.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Flaherty (T), 2. Patiniotis (North), 1. Cosentino (T).

WESTERN SUBURBS 3 (Kakantonis 60th, Palm-ericiotti 71st, Diliberto 84th) ALBION TURK GUCU 1 (Patsaman 55th) at Ralph Reserve, Sunday.

WESTERN SUBURBS: Apostolides 7, Beattie 7, Esposito 6, Howe 7, Hamill 6 — K. Coyte 6, Kakantonis 6, Palmaricicotti 6, John Condilis 6, Stenson 7, Tuck 7 (in), Diliberto 75th, Coach: Jimmy Condilis.

ALBION TURK GUCU: W. Bryden 5 — Reilly 7, Jovicic 5, Gilmore 5, Douglas 7 — Piccione 5, Purcell 6, A. Bennett 6 — Patsaman 5, Price 6, Laif 5, Coach: Tommy Traynor.

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Leading votegetters: 20 — Cosentino (Thomastown), 18 — Livingstone (Croydon), 16 — Hughes (Box Hill), Webster (Pines), Adams (Springvale), 15 — Culina (Dinamo), 14 — MacLean (Morwell), Haupt (Wilhelmina), 13 — Bissinger (Knox), 12 — McGuinness (Suburbs), 10 — Harrison (Box Hill), Beech (Croydon), Quigley (Fawkner), Cooke (Pines), Stenson (Suburbs), 9 — Vereschia (Box Hill), Cozzella (Fawkner), Patiniotis (Northcote), Bannan (Springvale), Esposito (Suburbs).

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Barbas blows it, record for Storey

NUNAWADING CITY 2 (Middlemast penalty 80th, Deane 90th) DOVETON 1 (Spink 60th), Victorian First Division match at Mahoneys Reserve, Saturday.

NUNAWADING CITY: Madjar, Brown, Moyle, Servino, Deane, Mullett, Groenwald, S. Nellies, Roggero, Middlemast, Pote (Chiaravalle 74th), Coach: P. Nellies.

DOVETON: Robbins, Sutherland, Gadsby, Lowe, Sweeney, Spink, Wright, Walwright, Cherrie, Masters, McLeod (McCloy 60th), Coach: I. Williamson.

A dramatic, last-gasp goal by captain Scott Deane earned Nunawading City both points that 10 minutes earlier had seemed destined to go to Doveton.

Frankly, the first 70 minutes of the game were disappointing. Both defences were on top and clear-cut chances were few and far between.

Nunawading's approach was to use its speed on the wings but the resultant crosses were not accurate enough. For Doveton, most forward moves seemed to involve Arthur Cherrie who made some fine runs and was instrumental in the opening goal in the 17th

minute. He ghosted past the defence on the right and his cross was cleared to the edge of the area where Spink picked his spot and volleyed fiercely into the corner of the net.

Nunawading pushed Deane into attack as it strove for the equaliser, which came nine minutes later, when Lowe brought down Roggero in the box. Chris Middlemast made no mistake from the spot.

With 10 minutes to go, Nunawading coach, Peter Nellies might well have pulled Deane back and played safe. He opted to leave him up front and his gamble paid off with the last attack of the game.

Middlemast rose brilliantly to flick on a through ball, and Deane, bursting between two defenders, hit an unstoppable drive from the edge of the area into the far corner of the net.

ALTONA GATE 2 (Kebakovski 210th, M. Micevski 55th) MELBOURNE 0, Victorian First Division match at Alt ona Gate, Saturday.

ALTONA GATE: Lacoock 8, Patrovski 6, Zdravovski 7, L. Talevski 6, C. Talevski 7, Kebakovski 8, Golevski 7, M. Micevski 8, S. Micevski (Both Dancovski), Veljanovski 7, Ristovski 7.

MELBOURNE: Barbas 6, Waverley City 1 (Drougde 70th) SANDRINGHAM CITY 1 (Scott-Hunter 8th), Victorian Second Division match at Gardiners Creek Reserve, Saturday.

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Wild 7, Dagnall 8, Bannan 7, Drinoczyk 7, Wallace 6, Bird 7, Edmondson (65th Theodosopoulos), Theodos 6, Ward 6, Heery 8.

Two corners and two goalkeeping mistakes saw Altona Gate get the points. Altona Gate seemed hungrier for the ball until the last 25 minutes which Melbourne dominated.

In the 10th minute, Mendo Ristovski floated across a corner from the left. Kebakovski pushed Barbas who went to punch the ball with only one hand. The Melbourne keeper missed, the ball bounced on the line, and Kebakovski got the slightest of touches to make it 1-0.

In the 56th minute, Ristovski floated over a corner to the near post. Barbas fumbled and the ball fell to Mike Micevski, who headed into the empty net.

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Saturday: SUNBURBY v New Park Rangers, Doncaster v Nunawading City (draw), DOVETON v Richmond, Nth. Dundering v MORWELL, Melbourne v Caulfield City (draw).
Sunday: WERRIBEE v Moreland, BROADMEADOWS v Altona Gate.

DIVISION TWO
Saturday: STH OAKLEIGH v Dandenong City, S.M. MIDWINTER v Waverley City, SANDRINGHAM v Kellie, ELTHAM v Ringwood, UTD. NTH. DEELING v Colaba, ROYAL RICHMOND v Altona City, HAWTHORN RANGERS v Bell Park.

DIVISION THREE
Saturday: Corio v YALLOURN, GEELONG v Moorabbin, KARINGA v Moorabbin City, PORT MELBOURNE v Heidelberg, BUNDEL SPRINGVALE v Prahran, BULLION v Prahran Celtic (draw), ESSENDON CITY v Yarraville.

DIVISION FOUR
Saturday: LALOR UTD v Keysborough, FERNETREE GULLY v Greenborough, BODDER v Levensham, ROSARIA v Heidelberg, HOLLAND PARK v Brighton, CLIFTON HILL v East Brunswick, BALLARAT v Boroona.

PROVISIONAL DIVISION ONE
Saturday: CLAYTON v West Brunswick, CENTRAL CITY v Warrnambool, Melbourne City v HAWTHORN, Melbourne v REGENT (in), HILL, Dulon Rest, Power Street, FRANKLIN, PASCOE VALE, Warrnambool v CLARINDA.

DIVISION TWO
Saturday: ALTONA UTD v STH YARRA, BERWICK CITY v Geelong UTD, MELTON v Monash Utd, FRANKISTON CITY v Slingsby UTD, SEAFORD UTD v Nunawading Utd, NTH. SUNBURBY v Utd of Melbourne.

DIVISION THREE
Saturday: BRUNSWICK CITY v Westall, MITCHEAM v Lyndale Utd, BURWOOD UTD v Prahran, CHANSHIRE v Ascot Vale City, Moorook v GLENROY.

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Saturday: GLENROY UTD v West Moorabbin, MEADOW PARK v West Utd, BALACLAVA v Melbourne Utd, BARMAN Utd v STH SPRINGVALE, Port Utd v CLARINDA/KOYONG, ST KILDA v Latrobe.

AMATEUR DIVISION ONE
Saturday: BIRKENHEAD v Utd of Scotts, WARRERLEY UTD v Ascot St Marks, VERMONT v Spring Thistle, Endeavour Hills v MACCABI, Melbourne Utd v EAGLES UTD, NORTHERN SUBURBS v Latrobe Utd.

DIVISION TWO
Saturday: Nth. Melbourne v RINGWOOD ROYAL VILLAGE, Lyndale v COLINGWOOD CITY, BRINTONS v Diggers Rest, COLINGWOOD v Concordia (in), John Carr Rest, Northcote, Diamond Valley v R.M.I.T.

DIVISION THREE
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Can Canterbury catch Meadow?

Is there any stopping Fairy Meadow? That's the question being asked in NSW State League circles.

Increasingly, the answer looks like being No!

Fairy Meadow now has a six-point cushion at the top of the league and seems odds-on to be invited to join the Northern Division of the National League next season.

It will be interesting to see whether the challenge Canterbury can bridge the gap.

Melita 0

Polonia 1

Scorer: Mick Bratkov

If Polonia is to remain in State League this year, and there is little doubt that it will, then most of the credit must surely go to its exciting young-ster brought from Avala — Mick Bratkov.

When he joined Polonia the side was struggling with only one point to its name.

Since then, only four rounds have elapsed and Polonia has collected two wins and a draw with Bratkov instrumental in both wins, scoring against Narrabeen and getting the only goal of the match against Melita Eagles.

His goal against Melita was a gem. A solo run took him close to the edge of the area and a left footer gave Pupovac no chance.

Elegant Vujinovic, crafty Sobczyk and hard working Kodor and Janic made their own contribution while Quin Chou showed some enthusiastic play which delighted the crowd at times.

Melita had very little to crow about and now must think about building for 1986, unless a miracle takes place and wipes out Fairy Meadow from the map of New South Wales!

Sutherland 0

Avala 0

At Seymour Shaw Park, Avala, with only one success in the last five rounds, came to Seymour Shaw looking for a point and managed to get it after an uneventful affair with both sets of forwards missing many chances.

Sutherland forwards were the main culprits, adding to the problems of this strong but temperamental outfit from Cronulla.

Burns hit the post while Dallano and Gray missed from right in front while Avala's best efforts came from good shots by Cootes and Jany which gave Burchmore a chance to show his wares.

This draw did not suit either side as Sutherland dropped out of contention for the title while Avala may have missed the last boat into the four.

Ku-Ring-Gai 1

Manly Warr 1

At Parklands Oval.

Scorer: Gogic 15th, Bass 72nd.

Manly and Kuringai shared the spoils once again this season despite the valiant effort put up by the home side in an attempt to keep pace with league leader Fairy Meadow.

Marty led for most of the game after Gogic scored from a free kick in the 15th. His shot took a wicked deflection and Lacey was beaten.

It took Kuringai almost an hour to get on over terms. Despite some pressure exerted on Barker's goal he stood firm until 15 minutes from the end when a cross by Nestle Williamson put Craig Bass in to head past Barker for the equaliser.

Keven was Karingal's star

in a match marred by the number of missed opportunities while Gogic, Etherington and Campbell starred for the Seaside.

Rockdale 2

Manly Warr 1

At Hurstville Oval.

Scorer: Brown 6th, Pappas 71st, G. Williamson 50th.

It is difficult to deny Rockdale Ilinden when it comes to matches against Manly Warringah. Last year, Ilinden won twice and drew once and this year Rockdale has won twice, 2-1 on both occasions, four wins and a draw in five matches is not bad at all.

A back pass by Juergens added to Manly's problems early in the match. Juergens' pass was too good for Barker and Ross Brown dragged it over the line to make it 1-0 after only six minutes.

Manly came back into the match with Ross Etherington making the break before cutting his cross for Graeme Williamson to score.

But at the hopes of another point were dashed when Nicky Pappas latched on to a dropped ball by Barker to score the winner in the 71st.

Canterbury 1

Uruguay 0

At Arlington Oval.

Scorer: Anagnostopoulos.

Canterbury struggled against an out-of-touch Uruguay for a tight 1-0 win thanks largely to the opportunism of Johnny Anagnostopoulos with only five minutes of the match remaining. A through ball by Marcos Silva saw Anagnostopoulos break clear of the Uruguay backline to score.

Uruguay came into the game prepared to stop Borges and Silva, Canterbury's Brazilian combination. With Kovic making life hard for Nelio Borges at times it was left to the fighting Silva to add the attacking thrust to the forwards but very little worked until the closing stages of this match.

Rockdale 0

Fairy Meadow 1

At Hurstville Oval.

Scorer: Morlando penalty 1st.

Atie Abonyi was critical of Fairy Meadow after the match, claiming that Meadow is the worst team he has faced this year! I am sure that the frustration of it all has caught up with the ex-Seaside for he is well aware of the fact that Meadow has won 11 matches to date, including two wins against Rockdale!

Steve Baker, the man watched closely by some NSL teams, made his way past four players in the very first minute of play and was brought down inside the area, giving Gogic Morlando an easy conversion from the resultant penalty.

Narrabeen 0

Bankstown 0

At Narrabeen Sports Centre.

There was very little between these sides with Bankstown always having more flair and Narrabeen greater strength.

Narrabeen was the happier team after the event, getting a point which was sufficient to keep Bankstown at arms length in the fight to avoid relegation.

Dave Watt was Narrabeen's star while Paul Darlington shone for Bankstown.

NSW State League with ALEX VESIC



Skypack State League standings

| | W | D | L | F | A | Pt |
|------------------|----|---|---|----|----|----|
| FAIRY MEADOW | 11 | 2 | 1 | 21 | 7 | 24 |
| CANTERBURY | 8 | 3 | 3 | 32 | 16 | 19 |
| MELITA EAGLES | 8 | 3 | 3 | 29 | 13 | 19 |
| KURINGAI | 7 | 5 | 2 | 18 | 10 | 19 |
| Sutherland | 6 | 5 | 3 | 24 | 13 | 17 |
| Avala | 5 | 6 | 3 | 17 | 11 | 16 |
| rockdale Ilinden | 5 | 4 | 2 | 14 | 14 | 15 |
| Manly Warringah | 3 | 6 | 4 | 14 | 14 | 12 |
| Uruguay | 1 | 4 | 8 | 6 | 17 | 6 |
| Polonia | 2 | 2 | 9 | 12 | 33 | 6 |
| Narrabeen | 1 | 4 | 8 | 4 | 29 | 6 |
| Bankstown | 0 | 3 | 9 | 4 | 25 | 3 |

NARRABEEN 0 BANKSTOWN 0 at Narrabeen Sports Centre.

NARRABEEN: P. Dean 6 — Hanley 7, Watt 8, Friend 6, Parfitt 6 — Griffin 6, Jones 6, Dean 7 — Sandtner 5, Van Helden 6, Hughes 7. BANKSTOWN: Smith — Rajab 7, Green 6, Popovic 7, Hatton 6 — Mepiani 6, Hammoud 6, Darlington 8 — Apelin 7, Antonopoulos 40th-71, Nocera 7, Hassan 55th-61, Hussein 8.

ROCKDALE ILINDEN 0 FAIRY MEADOW 1 (Richardson pen 1st) at Hurstville Oval.

ROCKDALE ILINDEN: Kotzohambos 7 — Blackburn 7, Pilovski 8, Forester 7, Wilson 7 — Mickoski 7, Nastoski 8, Slavski 7, Risteviski 5 — Brown 7, Campanella 5.

FAIRY MEADOW: Young 8 — Chilly 6, Jones 8, Berringer 8, Fleming 8 — Morlando 7, Piel 7, Richardson 9, Gerald 7 — Baker 7, Fontana 7.

CANTERBURY 1 (Anagnostopoulos 85th) URUGUAY 0 at Arlington Oval.

CANTERBURY: Hummel 7 — Karaspiros 7, Radman 7, Pena 8, Hantzie 8 — Ortega 7, Anagnostopoulos 8, Hormazabal 6 — Silva 7, Borges 8, Kirwan 6.

URUGUAY: Rosano 8 — Jones 7, Hasty 7, Kralovic 7, Folladoso 7 — Fernandez 6, Saura 6, Benitez 6 — Vitti 7 (Carrizo), Rodas 6, O'Shana 7 (Nario 80th).

ROCKDALE ILINDEN 2 (Brown 6th, Pappas 71st) MANLY WARRINGAH 1 (G. Williamson 50th) at Hurstville Oval.

ROCKDALE ILINDEN: Kotzohambos 7 — Blackburn 7, Pilovski 8, Forester 7, Wilson 7 — Pappas 6, Paleganos 6 (Nastoski), Mickoski 7, Slavski 7 — Brown 8, Risteviski 6.

MANLY WARRINGAH: Barker 7 — Gogic 7, Dick 7, Pearce 7, Juergens 5 — Pagano 6, Etherington 5, Campbell 7 — Stuart 6, Holloway 5 (Davison), G. Williamson 7.

KURINGAI 1 (Bass 72nd) MANLY WARRINGAH 1 (Gogic 15th) at Parklands.

KURINGAI: Lacey 7 — Keven 8, Bertram 7, Watson 7, Goldsworthy 7 — Barnes 6 (Bass 71, Quigley 5, Sutherland 6, Brockbank 7 — Williamson 7, Nle 6 (Hunter 78th).

MANLY: Barker 6 — Gogic 8, J. Dick 7, Pearce 6, J. Barker 7 — Pagano 7, Campbell 8, Etherington 7, G. Williamson 8 — Holloway 7, Stuart 7 (79th Davison).

SUTHERLAND 0 AVALA 0 at Seymour Shaw Park.

SUTHERLAND: Burchmore 8 — Schumann 8, Burrows 7, Dallano 7, Terry 7 — Webber 7, Meades 7, Johnstone 6 (Laronde 70th) Rogers 7 — Beggs 8, Gray 7.

AVALA: Thurlow 8 — Jordan 7 (Sent off 85th), Lembyrk 7, Divani 7, Pratt 6 — Cootes 6, Attie 6 (Anderson 77th), Tracey 8, Carney 5 — Jeffery 5, Martinez 63rd, Murray 7.

MELITA EAGLES 0 POLONIA 1 (Bratkov 56th) at Melita Stadium.

MELITA EAGLES: Pupovac 7 — Laing 6, Wilson 7, McCoy 8, O'Bourke 6 — McAusland 5, C. Williamson 6 (186th Dulliffe), Farrugia 8 (76th Callinan), Vial 7 — Allan 6, Dolton 6.

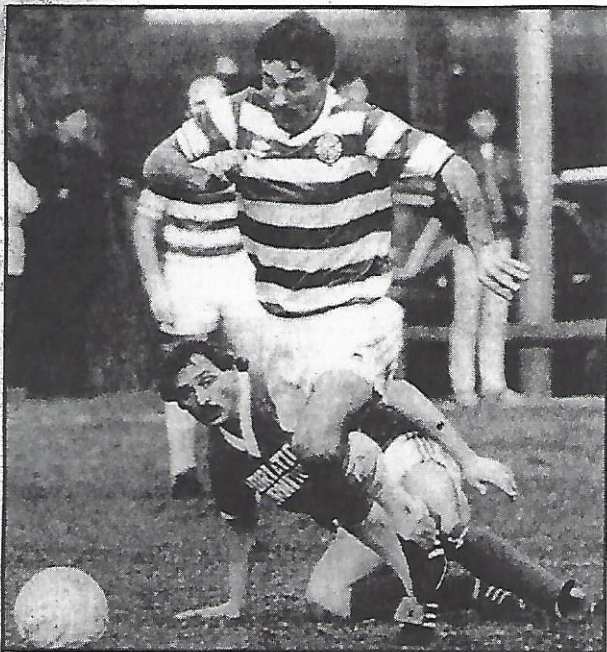
POLONIA: Anderson 8 — Falzon 7, Vujinovic 8, Lask 7, Chou 8 — Kodor 8, Sobczyk 7, Greekie 7, Janic 7 — Pop 7, Bratkov 6.

TOP SCORERS

- 10 — Ross Brown (RI)
- 9 — D. Allan (IM)
- 7 — L. Dounis (C)
- 6 — Borges, Kirwan (C), Walker (ME)
- 5 — Anagnostopoulos (C), Sutherland (K), Gray (S)

THIS WEEK'S GAMES

Saturday: At Jensen Park: BANKSTOWN v KU-RING-GAI
Sunday: At Memorial Park: CORINNAH: FAIRY MEADOW v CANTERBURY; At Cronulla: MANLY WARRINGAH v ROCKDALE ILINDEN; At Chipping Park: POLONIA v NARRABEEN; At Mona Park: URUGUAY v SUTHERLAND; At Knights Park: AVALA v MELITA EAGLES.



Two of the all-time greats of Australian soccer, now doing their thing in the Victorian Third Division. Jimmy Rooney, who made 100 Socceroo appearances, streaks away from Billy Vojtek, who made 44 Socceroo appearances. Rooney is starting with Prahan Celtic while the ageless Vojtek is doing a fine job as player-coach of Essendon Triestina. Picture: LES SHORROCK.

Griffin joins Box Hill on July 18

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Box Hill's second English import this year, 24-year-old Phil Griffin, flies in on Thursday, July 18, to boost the Hillmen's top four hopes.

The Hillmen brought out Chris Taylor from the U.K. earlier this year.

Griffin was highly recommended by former Box Hill star Steve Smith. The pair played in the same team as youngsters in England and as Griffin is anywhere near as good as Smith, then Box Hill has signed another top class player. Smith won the Bill Fleming Medal and "Soccer Action" State League Player of the Year award last season, his first in Australian soccer.

Meanwhile, the Hillmen face up to the rapidly improving Springvale at Wembley Park on Sunday and may have to settle for a point against a Springvale side now prepared to fight every inch of the way as it tries to avoid relegation.

Springvale coach Bobby McLachlan has got his players believing in themselves and realising that they can hold their own in State League if they're prepared to work their guts out each week. And the Vales could have Ged Bannan back in action. Bannan has been troubled by a hamstring complaint but hopes to be fit in time for Sunday's game.

If he is, then he'll probably replace Keith Humble who badly twisted an ankle against Morwell Falcons last weekend. It's a pity, for Humble's brother Andy is Box Hill's leading marksman and it would have been interesting to see both brothers pitted against each other.

Springvale's recent signing from Preston Macedonia, goalkeeper Steve Potter, will have his first hit-out with his new club on Sunday. But Potter will be playing in the

reserves as he works towards regaining his touch and match fitness.

Frankston Pines are likely to give Irish import Paul Hennessy his first full game when Pines travel to John Cain Reserve on Sunday to take on Northcote.

Northcote midfielder Chris Bekiaris could be sidelined for the rest of the season with knee ligament damage. Bekiaris was injured against Croydon two weeks ago.

And this weekend, when Northcote midfielder Mark Wilson turns up with his gear, he'll be hoping that he can play. Wilson turned up last Sunday for Northcote's clash with Thomastown only to find out at about 2pm that he was out suspended.

Things aren't exactly rosy in the Northcote camp and coach Jimmy Pyrgoslos was bitterly disappointed after the loss to Thomastown, not just with some of his players, but also with a couple of the club's administrators.

Pines should win. Albion Turk Guu, in the space of a handful of weeks, has found itself embroiled in the battle to avoid relegation but it can do its cause a power of good by beating bottom side Knox City at Selwyn Park on Saturday. Recent import Kenny Price has taken some stick in the press but from all reports, he put in against Western Suburbs last Sunday and can play a part in Albion's run-in to the end of the season.

Morwell Falcons should beat Thomastown on Saturday. Crinigan Reserve at Northcote Thomastown stopper Andy Smale probably will be given the job of tagging Falcons striker Ian Sturton, who is dead in the inside area. Thomastown still isn't playing well, so I don't hold much hope for its chances here.

Kees Storm is a doubtful starter for Ringwood Wilhelmnia's clash with Croydon at Croydon Park on Sunday. Storm had been carrying a calf injury for a few weeks and was told by coach Cor Teeuw to rest. He missed Wilhelmnia's 0-0 draw with Polonia last Sunday.

Polonia star Stefan Mila looks like being out of action for a further three weeks. Mila has a badly bruised knee, a legacy of Polonia's match against Pines two weeks ago. Nevertheless, Polonia should be too strong for St Albans Dinamo at Raleigh Reserve on Sunday. Polonia striker Janusz Przybyla and Greg Warszawski should be too sharp for Dinamo defenders Danny Ramiljak and Zdenko Brkljacic.

Fawkner will have Fabio Mancinelli back for Sunday's Smith Reserve clash with Western Suburbs but is facing an uphill battle. Mancinelli missed last weekend's game after incurring a hand injury at work.

SATURDAY
MORWELL FALCONS v
Thomastown at Northcote Reserve, 3pm.

ALBION ROVERS v
Knox City at Selwyn Park, 3pm.

SUNDAY
Northcote v FRANKSTON PINES at John Cain Reserve, 3pm.

CROYDON v Ringwood Wilhelmnia at Croydon Park, 3pm.

POLONIA v St Albans Dinamo at Raleigh Reserve, 3pm.

Fawkner v WESTERN SUBURBS at Smith Reserve, 3pm.

Box Hill v Springvale City (draw) at Wembley Park, 3pm.

Croydon fights back

F'ston Pines 1

Croydon 1

Scorer: Cullen 42nd (Pines); Tansey 88th (Croydon). Venue: Monterey Reserve.

A stirring second half comeback gave Croydon City a well deserved share of the spoils at Monterey Reserve on Saturday.

Pines, full of confidence were the first half gaffers but after the break could not contain the league leader's assault on their goalmouth — Peter Thurlow kicking drives off the line twice and Jimmy Ross heading clear when Rick Janssen was outfoxed by Peter Ollerton.

But Jimmy Tansey rewarded Croydon's pressure, ramming home the equaliser in the second last minute.

this crucial game received a setback after only two minutes when striker Ian McGinnigle was sidelined with a knee injury and had to be replaced with Pines' new import, Paul Hennessy. However, Hennessy fitted in quite nicely and gave Billy Whitehead a few anxious moments with an intelligent through ball and later the wee Irishman stared in dismay as the Irishman's defence was blocked close in.

With three minutes remaining in the half, John Cullen broke the deadlock. From a Graham Watson free kick the ball thundered looped a sweet header over Croydon's defence and the ball dropped neatly under the bar past a static Whitehead.

short break, eager to start the second half.

Peter Thurlow and Dave Brogan received yellow cards in a fracas and Paul Cooke also was put in the book as Croydon began to dominate the scene. But Frankston Pines refused to give in and blocked their goalmouth doggedly denying shots from Alex Livingstone.

Finally, Croydon struck. The ball was knocked from the middle by Allan Kerr. Matt McDonald played it to Ken Ollerton who passed to Ken Taylor on the right. Taylor went to the line and knocked a firm shot into the packed goalmouth. The ball was cleared to the edge of the area but superbly Tansey connected

Thomastown 3

Northcote 2

Scorer: Lalic 44th, Carfora 70th, Flaherty 86th (T); P Constantinou 47th, Piniotis 52nd (N). Venue: Partridge Reserve.

After three defeats and a draw, Thomastown came back to the winning circle with a hard fought 3-2 win. The winning goal was scored by Thomastown's best forward, Bran Flaherty, in the last four minutes of the game.

Northcote could consider itself unlucky and the turning point of the contest came in the 68th minute with the score 2-1 in favor of the visitors. Referee Bernie Ujor has no hesitation in awarding a penalty to Northcote but Alex Piliotis blasted the ball over the bar.

Having escaped, Thomastown

Flaherty strikes four minutes from time

By MARCELO D'AMICO

ately. In the last quarter of an hour the home team took control.

This was a fast and enterprising game played in good spirit but with no quarter given. Thomastown coach Joe Wilson, after last week's blast, made some changes to the team and also implemented different tactics.

For a change the breaks favored Thomastown and the home team certainly responded to Wilson's directions from the sideline. With the return to midfield of Nino Di Martino and Fred Belli, Thomastown

Thomastown had a strong attacking unit capable of scoring goals.

The first chance of the game came in the 5th minute when diminutive Arthur Piniotis, a product of Thomastown's juniors, missed from close range. Five minutes later the same player spotted Raponi off his line but Tony Cosentino saved on the goal line.

Piniotis continued to do well and in the 12th minute forced Raponi into a great save.

In the final seconds of the first half, Thomastown

Brendan Lalic who let go with a terrific shot that gave keeper John Gianopoulos no chance.

In the second half both teams continued to attack furiously and in the 48th minute the visitors squared proceedings. A Juan Toro corner ended up at the feet of Peter Constantinou who put the ball away from close range. In the 64th minute, Northcote took the lead when the irrepressible Piniotis scored following a pass from Peter Constantinou.

After the miss from the penalty spot by Piliotis, Thomastown equalised in the 70th minute. A corner from Di Martino found Belli who headed backwards and young Kevin Carfora, who had replaced Frank Dallas, headed the ball past Gianopoulos.

The winner came in the 86th minute. Belli somehow managed to intercept the ball and with a pinpoint pass spotted Flaherty who made no mis-

NSL top goalie of '82 gets back into harness

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

You all remember Steve Potter, don't you? Yes, you do. He's the guy who won "Soccer Action's" goalkeeper of the Year award in 1982. He's the guy who played for two years as a professional with Manchester City, made 156 league appearances with Swansea, then came to Australia and played with Footscray J.U.S.T., Melbourne Croatia and Preston Makedonia.

Sure, you remember him. He's the guy who was one of the finest goalkeepers in the National League.

But that was more than a year ago and if it hadn't been for the persuasive skills of Springvale City's new coach Bobby McLachlan, Potter still would have been in soccer limbo.

Not that it would have bothered him much. He's been running the general store at Point Leo in Victoria since last year and enjoying country life. After all, there's more to life than soccer, isn't there?

Brunswick Juventus tried to sign Potter earlier this year. It failed because once summer sets in, a fleet of about 300 caravans snakes its way down to Point Leo where there's only one general store.

So why did Potter sign with struggling Victorian State League club Springvale last week?

"You can call Bobby McLachlan the persuader if

you like. He got on the phone and talked me into it. At first I thought it wasn't really worth it. There are only about 11 games to go and I haven't touched a ball for a year, but Bobby swayed me."

Don't worry, Steve. You're not the first and you won't be the last.

Potter probably was regretting giving in to McLachlan's silky tongue after training with Springvale last week.

"The session was okay but next morning, boy was I sore! I ached all over."

The pain will be worth it, for both Potter and Springvale, if he can reach the heights he hit in 1982 when he won "Soccer Action's" Goalkeeper of the Year award. Of course, that success won for Potter a place in our NSL Team of the Year.

He polled 37 votes to beat Marjyn Crook of West Adelaide Hellas by two votes. Steve Hosiowski then, with Canberra, was third with 30 votes.

The Team of the Year was: Potter - Bobby Russell, Arno Bertogna, Jim Hermiston, Charlie Yankos - John Bradley, Peter Katholos, Zoran Iljoseki - Joe Watson, Dez Marton, Phil O'Connor.

It was Potter's first season with Makedonia. He'd joined from Footscray J.U.S.T. via a four-week stint with Melbourne Croatia, then in State League. Potter takes up the tale of that brief spell at Croatia:

"It was a shambles down there. There was me, Peter Blasby and Elvio Pugliese all vying for the number one keep-



Steve Potter saves the day for Makedonia as Con Opasinis looks on.

er's spot yet when I signed I was told by a prominent committeeman that I'd be playing in the firsts. As it turned out, I displaced a finger before our first game in the Ampol Cup and couldn't play and when Ollie (Peter Ollerton, then coaching Makedonia) approached me, I jumped at the chance to join Preston.

Potter thinks that his last game for Makedonia was against Heidelberg last year. He's not sure, though, for he didn't expect it to be his swan song with the club, but as things turned out the following week at training, Potter was to find himself on the outer.

A few lads had been missing training due to work com-

mitments and on the Tuesday night that week I had to organise things for this business. I'm running at Point Leo, so I couldn't make training. I was told by the lads at the next session that I was dropped because I'd missed training.

"Apparently, the club wanted to put its foot down and I was made the scapegoat. So I decided that there was no way I'd be travelling all that distance just to play in the Reserves. I was playing well in the first team. In fact I think that at that stage, I was playing better than ever."

Potter felt he got a raw deal at Makedonia. He doesn't feel as bad about leaving Footscray J.U.S.T., the club he joined in 1979.

It was "Soccer Action" photographer, "Sunday Press" columnist, and 3EA soccer commentator Les Shorrock (he's almost got as many jobs as Laurie Schwab) who brought Potter to Australia and in Potter's first year here with J.U.S.T. he was coached by Cedo Kirkovic, Milenko Rusicmir and McLachlan. Rocco Ilie and Jim Kiriakis also were to coach Potter during his stint with J.U.S.T.

"I was on the outer at Footscray during the last quarter of the 1981 season.

"But I've not really got any hard feelings. When I was there Tony Kovac was very good to me and he's still a good friend."



Sandringham City, back row: Alan Quin, Tim Scott-Hunter, Donnie Boslem, Davie Thompson, Chris Ogden, Brian Greenwood, Richard Plumb, Renato Poci, Billy Morrey (coach). Front: Zeljko Karac, Davie Stewart, Alan Whittaker, Alan Evans, Tony Dillon, Alex Fenton. Missing: Ian Finnegan, Willie Ford, Billy Buchanan. - Picture: LES SHORROCK.

The first time I saw Tony Dillon play - during a training game in 1980 - I thought he was a fair player. Then I saw him play a league game. I thought he was a good player. At the end of that season I was convinced that he could play in the Victorian State League. I still am.

Dillon, 27, has been playing with Victorian League club Sandringham ever since his arrival from England in January, 1980. Others at Sandringham have a high opinion of him judging by his annual pilgrimage to the awards table to receive a club honor. He was Sandringham's Player of the Year in 1980, runner-up in 1981, 82, 83, and 84 and leading scorer in 1984.

There's nothing pretentious about Dillon. Frankly, that's refreshing.

"A few players I've met here overrate themselves, they think they're far better than they are. But in the end everyone's got to go out there on the park and do it. That's where you do your talking," said Dillon.

That's where he talks best. His surges down the left side are well known by the Sillitoe Reserve faithful and opposing defenders. Dillon is quick and is at his best running at opponents.

"I'm playing on the left side of midfield now but I used to play left back and I thoroughly enjoyed playing there. I get a great kick out of making long runs forward."

And Dillon also is starting to think he'd get a kick out of taking a crack at the State League.

"I'd like to give it a go. It would be a challenge for me. I've probably got another three years left in me and I want to try to play in a higher standard before it's too late. Maybe I'll have a go at State League next year."

Dillon comes from Accrington in Lancashire, England. The Lancashire link at Sandringham is strong. Others at the club from Lancashire include Ken Langhorn, Brian Greenwood, Davie King, Donnie Boslem, Davie Hill, George Pattinson and coach Billy Morrey, the former Green Gully winger. Morrey is in his second year as coach of Sandringham and has had a major influence on Dillon.

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

"Billy's the best coach I've played under. His training is very, very hard but it's mainly short, sharp work which is what happens in a game. And his attitude is tremendous. He's honest and does mess about. Players respect that."

Dillon's other coaches at Sandringham have been former South Melbourne Hellas stars John Kennedy and Steve Walker, Gordon Cameron, ex-Hakoah and Norrie Davie.

Kennedy coached Sandringham when Dillon joined. The club was in Division Four then. Kennedy now is coaching South Oakleigh which is making a determined bid to win this year's Second Division championship.

"I found John Kennedy's training terribly hard. I'd never trained as hard in England where I played with Olympia and Whitney Hill in the Accrington Combination League."

"I learnt a lot under John Kennedy, mainly about positioning myself, especially when our keeper had the ball and was looking for someone to give it to."

"I don't want to say too much about Norrie Davie, and Gordon Cameron was a good coach but he just didn't have the players to work with."

"Stevie Walker was a good trainer but he was player-coach which is very difficult. Even so, he was a fantastic player for Sandringham."

Under Walker, Sandringham finished third in Division Four in 1982 and 10th in Division Three in 1983. The club was promoted both years due to a restructuring of the Victorian leagues and last year - it's first in Second Division for almost 12 years - it finished fourth and was beaten in the final of the top four competition by league champion Mornington.

"I knew that with just one or two more players, we'd more than hold our own in Second Division last season. Going up from Fourth Division to Second in successive years was great but not winning promotion through the usual channels - by finishing either first or second - took the edge off going up. And in some ways, I was pretty disappointed at not getting promoted to First Division last season. We left away towards the end of the season but the truth is that we just weren't good enough and we lacked a couple of players."

Sandringham has attempted to change that this season. It's signed former Liverpool and South Melbourne Hellas great Alan Evans from Morwell Falcons, Billy Buchanan from Doveton (the day before the transfer deadline), former West Australian State League player Alec Fenton, midfielder Tim Scott-Hunter from Melbourne, and youngster Willie Ford.

"Young Willie could be star, he really could, as long as people don't keep getting in his ear and he starts getting carried away with himself. He's really immersed, and provided he keeps working hard at his game, he could have a good future."

"What can you say about Alan Evans? Just great, absolutely fantastic, as a person and as a player. He takes so much pressure off us on the park it's not funny. And he certainly knows where the goals are. Give him just half a chance and it's in the back of the net."

So can Sandringham - fifth in Second Division before last weekend's clash with fourth placed Waverley - win promotion this year?

"Yes, I honestly believe we can do it. We've got the best squad we've had since I've been with the club. Things started off badly early in the year and Billy (Morrey) wasn't able to give us a proper pre-season preparation because so many players were missing but I think that we're in for a great second half of the season."

KELLY: WHY PROTECT NEWCASTLE, CANBERRA?

The NSL Northern Division's promotion and relegation set-up has come under fire from Wollongong chairman Laurie Kelly.

Kelly argues against the current situation which could see Wollongong drop out of the league and be replaced by the champion team in the NSW State League. He believes that the "development status" which protects Canberra and Newcastle is wrong and discriminates against Wollongong.

Here then is a letter, published in full, that Kelly sent to ASF executive director Brian Emery late last month.

Dear Mr. Emery,

I wish to draw the attention of the ASF Executive to the promotion/relegation question, not, might I say, only because Wollongong is in the relegation zone. A number of other teams are also in that position and there has been a great deal of discussion following a recent memo from the Executive Director of the NSL, Mr. S. Karmaz. The mere fact that it was necessary to circulate this advice when the competition is beyond the half-way mark is an indication itself that the position was not clearly understood by the NSL clubs and that the Director, himself, was aware of some uncertainty in the matter.

According to his interpretation, two of the three former development teams, Canberra and Newcastle, will continue to receive protection for their area, or for themselves if no other club from their area wishes or is eligible for promotion. The third development team, Wollongong, will receive no such protection.

Not that I have been able to study the matter fully, I believe that interpretation goes against the original intention of the ASF and NSL when they met on August 6, 1983.

In considering the minutes of that meeting, it should be remembered that at that time the make-up of the two Conferences had not been determined. Indeed, during subsequent discussions, Wollongong was considered for possible inclusion in the Southern Conference, as was Canberra, whilst the two Queensland teams were being considered for inclusion in the Northern Conference.

The Minutes of that meeting of August 6, 1983 are attached. Item 5.2 says: "Only one team shall be relegated from each Conference."

The use of the word "only" indicates that the relegation of only one team from each conference was the clear intention of the meeting. The fact that the delegates to that meeting then go on to qualify that statement by referring to teams outside NSW or Victoria does confuse the issue but shows that they were concerned to give protection to the other states, that is Qld. and S.A., who had been in the NSL competition up to that point. Since they refer to states, not federations, it indicates an intention to preserve the broad states base of the NSL and not lessen the number of states in the league should one of their clubs finish on the bottom of the table. So they bring in a sort of separate promotion/relegation system for teams from other states. All this happens in the same clause.

They then go on to clause 5.3 in which they deal with the regionalised system which had come about in the state of NSW where two of the three regionalised teams were not affiliated with the State Federation. Again because they wanted to try to preserve the regionalised broader base for the competition within the state, they gave those two teams, Canberra and Newcastle, what amounted to one year's grace. However, if they finished "in the relegation area" twice they would go down and be substituted by another team "in the Conference area". This was termed "development status" and was later extended to Wollongong even though that club was affiliated only with the NSW Federation, thus accepting the intention at the time Wollongong was invited to come into the League, i.e. a further step in regionalisation.

The argument is currently being advanced that the words "Conference area" were meant to be "Federation area" but since the word "Federation" was not used anywhere in the three clauses, I see no justification for that interpretation.

In fact the subsequent inclusion of Wollongong, a team already affiliated with the NSW State Federation, to me clearly indicates the intention in clause 5.3 was merely directed at giving regionalised areas an extra year's grace before having to be relegated. If the argument is to be used that Newcastle and Canberra both are teams representing other federations and therefore deserve different protection from Wollongong, it should be remembered that like Wollongong, both teams were not established teams in their federations but came into existence as new clubs when they were invited to join the NSL. Wollongong could then have and could easily now affiliate with the Illawarra District Soccer Association which is logical for our area but we were told, at the time, to affiliate with the NSW Federation. So this argument would not wear.

A subsequent meeting of the ASF on September 23, 1983 put their own interpretation on this clause 5.3 at the August 6 meeting which has allowed the emergence of this current argument but as I have said previously, I believe this interpretation is not justified by the original words.

Mr. Karmaz's memo of 19/8/85 is also based on the later interpretation of the September 23 meeting and as such, I believe, is untenable.

After all, the intention of the ASF and NSL was:

1. We wanted to broaden the base of soccer and improve the standard so we established the NSL on the broadest state basis we could by bringing in states other than NSW and Victoria and then subsequently regionalising in NSW.
2. The NSW and Victorian Federations understandably saw this as a threat to their competitions and the logic of preserving the standard of those competitions led to the relegation and promotion set-up of one down from each Conference and one up to replace from each of the two State League competitions referred to.
3. That put in jeopardy the continuation of the broadening into four states and the separation of the "one year's grace" in that they had to S.A.) into a separate small relegation/promotion scheme of their own was put into effect.
4. It also put in jeopardy the regionalisation within the country districts of NSW and so the "development status" was introduced, firstly for Canberra and Newcastle but then including Wollongong also. In that they gave each of those areas "one year's grace" in that they had to finish on the bottom twice, instead of once, like all other state teams, in order to be relegated but they would be replaced by another team "in that Conference area".

The only question which seems to be open to interpretation is the meaning of Conference "area" in 5.3 of the minutes of the August 6 meeting, but since the development status was extended to include the third country area of NSW, namely Wollongong, then whatever interpretation is put on that word must apply equally to the three development teams, not just two of them, or the essence of the intention is lost.

Frankly, I believe that the best thing that could happen for soccer in NSW is that whichever club finishes on the bottom from amongst all the clubs in the geographical area of NSW (including Canberra) should go down to the NSW State League competition and the top team from that league be promoted. This should continue on down through Division one and Division two of the State League competition, finishing with the bottom team of Division two being relegated and the top team from that Division being promoted to the State League. The idea is to apply to join the Second Division competition by a play-off. This would give every town in New South Wales and the ACT a chance to make it up to the National Soccer League, given the ability and the financial backing for their development from their local areas.

This should then be carried on as we move to regionalise in other states so that our objective will always be to encourage the best club with the best soccer standards, wherever they may be located within each state.

But on the question of the regionalised clubs presently in NSW, the three of them should be treated the same - either go down to the NSW State competition as I suggest above, or be replaced by another team from their area if such an interpretation can be justified. I do not believe it can, as I have said before.

Until we clearly state the original intention, which I believe I have demonstrated, of only one up/down within each state of NSW and Victoria regardless of regionalised area or federation boundaries, many clubs in NSW are being unnecessarily worried. I therefore earnestly request the Executive's urgent consideration of my submission, followed by an unequivocal statement of the position.

Yours sincerely,
Laurie Kelly Chairman

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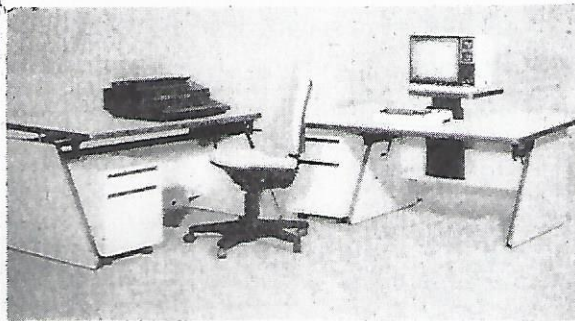
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Nel girone meridionale la Juventus di Melbourne ha perso il primato in classifica con una inaspettata sconfitta in casa della consorella bianconera di Adelaide, lasciando via libera al South Melbourne che battendo di misura il George Cross ha riconquistato il primato a sole quattro giornate dalla conclusione del campionato.

Ma la doppia sorpresa si e' avuta in zona di retrocessione dove il pericolante JUST si e' fatto battere in casa dal coriaceo Brisbane Lions nonostante la squadra slava avesse fatto un enorme salto di qualita' negli ultimi tempi con l'arrivo di nuovi giocatori dall'Urss e la ripresa del recupero di altri; come se cio' non bastasse, il Green Gully e' andata a battere abbastanza nettamente il Croatia distaccandosi cosi' dal JUST di ben 5 punti e condannandolo cosi' praticamente alla retrocessione.

Naturalmente la certezza matematica non e' ancora dalla parte del Green Gully poiche' nelle rimanenti quattro partite dovra' vedersela proprio con il JUST in un incontro diretto che vale 4 punti (i due guadagnati dalla squadra vincente piu' i due persi dalla squadra sconfitta); il Green Gully ne avra' abbastanza anche se dovesse vincere solo l'incontro diretto e perdere le altre tre partite; se invece il JUST dovesse vincere lo scontro delle pericolanti, dovra' rimontare la bellezza di quattro punti nelle tre rimanenti partite: un compito non impossibile, ma non certamente dei piu' facili.

Specialmente ora che "dynamo" Tommy Cumming e' arrivato fra i verdi a dar man forte a Lucchesi e compagni. In vetta al classifica vi e' la doppia lotta, sul filo di un solitario punto, sia per il primo posto che per la quinta poltrona. Per ora il Preston e' riuscito a scavalcare il George Cross per il quinto posto che

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Per le rimanenti quattro partite il Preston dovra' incontrare Croatia, Brisbane City, W Adelaide e Green Gully; il George Cross avra' invece un compito marginalmente piu' difficile poiche' dovra' vedersela con Juventus, Brisbane Lions, Adelaide City e Footscray. Dall'altra parte il George Cross ha il minimo vantaggio di una rete in differenza reti, vantaggio che potrebbe essere determinante ai fini del piazzamento finale se le squadre finiranno a pari punti.

Per quanto riguarda la prima poltrona, il calendario e' sfavorevole alla Juventus che dovra' incontrare la stessa squadra che la settimana precedente - incontreranno l'Hellas (Heidelberg, Croatia e Brisbane City), piu' il George Cross appena battuto dalla squadra greca che per l'ultimo impegno del campionato se la vedra' invece con il West Adelaide.

Nell'ultima giornata tutte e due le contendenti giocheranno in trasferta, la Juventus a Brisbane contro l'italiana "City" e l'Hellas in Adelaide contro la greca "West".

Ulteriore considerazione sfavorevole per la Juventus e' il fatto che Miranda dovra' scontare almeno due turni di squalifica dall'aprossima settimana (espulsione piu' somma di punti per ammonizioni), mentre un cartellino giallo significherebbe due giornate di squalifica per Peter Lewis ed una ciascuna per Incantupo e Dowie.

La Juventus dovra' perciò stringere i denti, e tenere i nervi a posto, per avere qualche speranza di riconquistare il primato che ha cosi' banalmente buttato via ad Adelaide in una partita che doveva essere di ordinaria amministrazione all'andata i "cugini" erano stati battuti per 3-4 e che invece ha perso per non aver saputo mantenere la necessaria freddezza di fronte ad una squadra piu' intransigente del solito e per aver accusato paurose incertezze al centro della difesa

dove Brown specialmente sembra trovarsi in sempre maggiore difficoltà.

La migliore speranza per la Juventus e' perciò che i greci macedoni dell'Heidelberg riusciranno domenica prossima a "vendicarsi" degli eterni rivali dell'Hellas. La differenza reti, per ora, e' favorevole alla Juventus per il minimo di una sola rete.

Nel girone Nord ha fatto notizia e vergogna, l'insolita di campo durante la partita Sydney Olympic-Sydney City e tutte e due le squadre, almeno speriamo. Incontreranno i rigori della commissione disciplinare.

Dopo la recente tragedia di Bruxelles era lecito sperare che molte teste calde avessero imparato qualcosa, ma ovviamente la "bestia" e' sempre presente nella personalità di certi tifosi di calcio. Unica consolazione e' che alla partita era presente un modesto pubblico quasi totalmente composto da tifosi della squadra greca. Alcune migliaia di tifosi da ambo le parti avrebbero potuto causare un danno molto maggiore.

Pero, oltre a condannare il pubblico animale, sarebbe anche ora di fare una ripulita dei campi di gioco che hanno troppi ronzini che scaricano calci a destra e sinistra. I due protagonisti degli scontri sul campo di gioco prima dell'invasione di campo, Gomez e Soper, hanno un record lungo un miglio e meriterebbero una esemplare lavata di capo.

Ma il male del gioco duro e falloso, condannato recentemente anche da Eddie Krucvic, viene dall'alto poiche' lo stesso allenatore della nazionale verdeoro, Frank Arok, sembra esserne il massimo apostolo. Una sua dichiarazione durante il recente torneo internazionale dovrebbe far storia ed essere un metro di cio' che il tecnico si aspetta dai suoi giocatori (e sia Gomez che Soper sono nazionali). In tale occasione Arok ebbe a dire dei suoi uomini: "Ho creato un mostro che si nutre di carne cruda!"

Lasciamo ai responsabili prendere le misure adeguate al fattaccio di Sydney anche se in fondo in fondo abbiamo la sensazione che le prenderanno con la solita "irresponsabilità".

Passando a cose piu' piacevoli, tutte e tre le italiane del girone Nord hanno fatto centro con altrettante vittorie molto preziose.

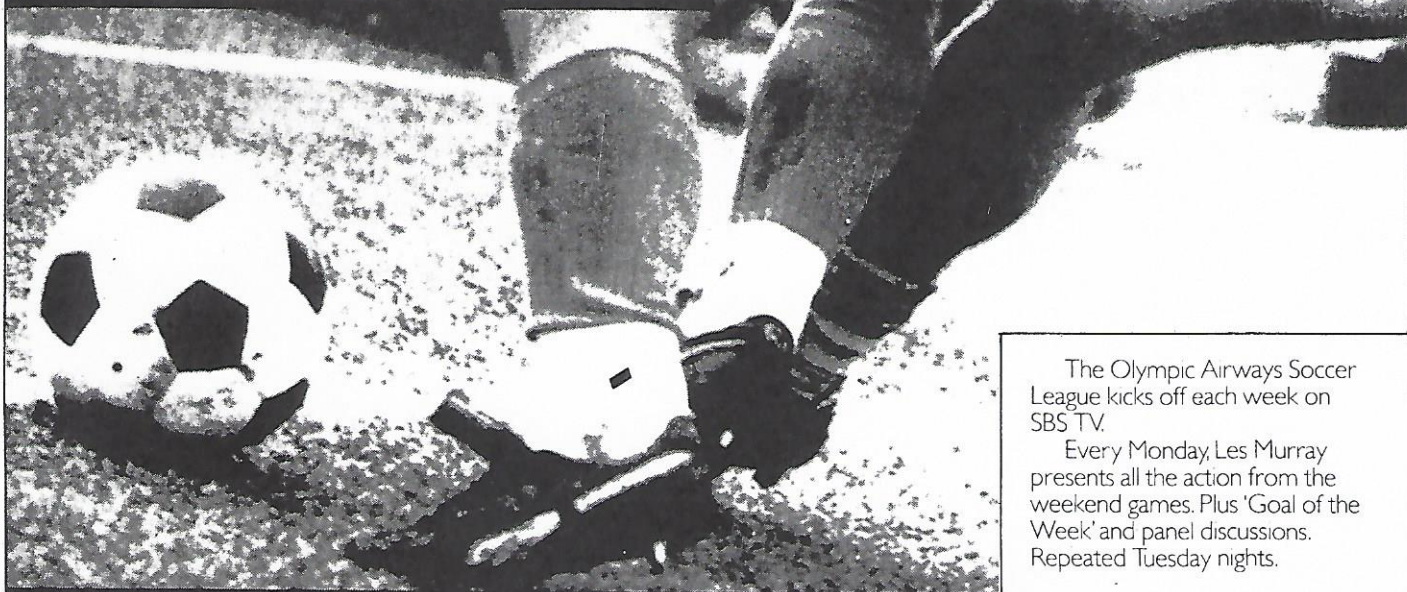
Il Marconi ha tenuto il passo con il Croatia e la battaglia fra le due squadre sara' quanto mai avvincente durante le rimanenti quattro settimane e potrebbe essere decisa dalla differenza reti che per ora favorisce leggermente il Croatia.

L'Inter Monaro di Maccaione si e' sbarazzato facilmente del Penrith, facendo anche un favore all'APIA, e puo' ancora embire ad un non impossibile quinto posto poiche' il suo maggiore ostacolo, il St George, potrebbe vedersi i due punti di vantaggio cancellati nell'incontro diretto in casa del Monaro.

L'APIA, anche se non ha brillato, e' riuscita a far sua l'intera posta in palio nell'incontro con una delle candidate alla retrocessione, il Newcastle, e ad aprire un distacco di tre punti dalla zona retrocessione con tre squadre a farle da cuscinetto (appunto grazie anche al Monaro che ha condannato il Penrith). Durante la settimana la squadra di Leichhardt le aveva buscate di santa ragione dal St George (1-4) nella partita di recupero.

La salvezza e' ormai da considerarsi cosa fatta per gli uomini di Botallico, ma e' ovvio che essa e' un risultato troppo modesto per una squadra che per anni e' stata all'apice del calcio australiano. Ovviamente c'e' qualcosa di grosso che non va al quartiere generale di Norton Street e il presidente Papallo dovra' cercare di rimediare la situazione al piu' presto possibile per non rischiare il declino della gloriosa compagine.

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Τό μάτε είδονεν "Ολυμπικ - Χακδα και ή αναγκαστική διακοπή του "τάραζε" τό πρωτάθλημα της Αυστραλίας και κανέναν δέν γυμνάζει αυτή ή στιγμή ποιές θά είναι οι συνέπειες γιά τήν ελληνική ομάδα μας ή οποία ήταν και ή γηπεδοφύλακος.

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Αλλά δέν φταίει κανένας στήν περίπτωση αυτή, έκτός από εκείνον πού έκανε τήν άρχή ή σκεπτόμενος τόν συλλογότουμε αλλά καί γενικά τό όμορφο αυτό άθλημα. Άρκετά έγιναν στήν Εσθθόν τόν τελευταίο καιρό από τούς χούλιανους και ή κοινή γνώμη έγινε άναστατωθεί. Δέν χρειαζονται λοιπόν τέτοιες ενέργειες.

ΒΑΔΙΣΟΥΜΕ ΣΤΟ ΧΕΙΡΟΤΕΡΟ

Πάρθηκε ή άπόφαση από τούς ποδοσφαιρικούς τέρους και γιά τό 1986 θά ισχύσει μέλι τό ίδιο άσχημο σύστημα στό Ν/Λ.

Φαίνεται ότι έκλεισαν τά μάτια και δέν θέλουν νά δούν τήν αλήθεια. Νά δούν πώς οι φιλάθλοι εξαφανίζονται από τά γήπεδα μέ τίς φτηνές συναυλίες πού βλέπουν. Καί όπως φαίνεται τό κακό θά χειροτερεθεί στή νέα σεζόν.

Τουλάχιστο στήν Μεταβόρην δέν υπάρχει ούτε ένας φιλάθλος πού νά μή συμφωνεί στήν ιδέα νά γίνει ένα καλό και ισχυρό πρωτάθλημα μέ τίς τόν ομάδες.

Βαρβήθηκαν οι άνθρωποι νά βλέπουν τίς ίδιες ομάδες.

Και όμως τό κακό θά συνεχισθεί, όπως έ

γινε γνωστό.

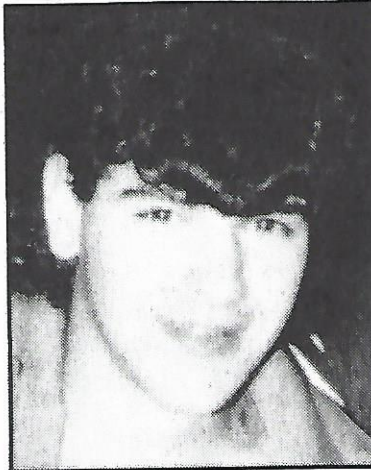
Πάντως ή στήλη είναι άρκετά επιφυλακτική στό θέμα αυτό και πιστεύει ότι μέχρι νά άρχισεί ή νέα σεζόν θά γίνουν πολλά γεγονότα και ίσως καί άποχωρήσεις τών ομάδων οι παράγοντες τών οποίων ήδη είναι άγανακτισμένοι.

ΜΑΥΡΑ ΣΥΝΕΒΑ ΕΣΤΩ ΜΕΤΑ

Βγήκε τό καινοβόριο Δ.Συμβούλιο στόν Μέγα αλλά τό προβλήματα δέν φαίνεται νά λύνονται από τήν μία μέρα στήν άλλη.

Ηδη είναι γνωστό τό χρέος τού συλλόγου πού τόν έχει φέρει σέ δύσκολη θέση.

Παράλληλα τό ότι δέν βγήκε ή παράταξη μέ τόν πρόεδρο πού φερόταν σάν στήριγμα είναι καί πού προκαλεί τίς άνησυχίες. Κάτι άκόμη πού δυναμάνει τούς φόβους



Από τούς καλούς παίκτες τού Κλίφτον Χιλ και τό καλό παιδί είναι και ο Χρήστος Ανδριώτης, ο σέντερ φορ τών κυανόλευκων, πού μαζί με τόν Τζιμ Στροτάκη είναι ο φόβος τών αντιπάλων.

είναι και τό γεγονός πώς οι άνθρωποι της "παράταξης" δέν πήραν καμμία κύρια θέση μέσα στό Δ.Συμβούλιο.

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Πολλά έχουν γίνει τελευταία στους νέους της Ελλάδας και έφτασε σέ σημείο τό Δ.Σ νά άσχελεται περισσότερο άρα μέ τούς άπαιτούς μικρούς, παρά μέ τήν τακτική ομάδα τού Ν/Λ.

Πρίν λίγο καιρό δέν υπέγραψαν τά συμβόλαιά τους. Μετά δύο - τρεις παίκτες δέν δέχθηκαν νά αγωνισθούν γιατί μερικά συμμαχίτες τους παίρνουν περισσότερα χρήματα.

Έλος άκούστηκε ότι μία άλλη μερίδα παικτών είχε κάνει "κλίμα" μέ τόν προπονητή ό οποίος έλπιζε πρόσφατα άσχημα σέ άνδρά τους τό Δ.Συμβούλιο.

Ποιός άραγε φταίει γιά όλα αυτά; Μήπως οι παίκτες;

Είγουμε τό λάθος προέρχεται από τούς άπευθύνους πού διοικούν τήν ομάδα τών νεαρών παικτών.

Τούς ζαναμίζουμε ότι μέ καμμία δύναμη δέν επιτρέπονται τέτοια χάγια σέ ένα σόλ λογο σάν τήν "Ελλάδα".

Η έλαστικότητα πού έδειξαν "μερικοί" διοικούντες στους μικρούς και στόν προπονητή είναι καί πού τούς μελανώνει.

ΓΕΝΙΚΗ ΣΥΝΕΛΕΥΣΗ ΤΟΥ ΟΚΑΗ

Τήν Κυριακή 14 Ιουλίου θά γίνει ή Γενική Συνέλευση τού "Οκλή και άρα 11.00 π.μ., στό 51 "Άδερτον Ρόουντ" μέ θέμα διάφορα και τήν έγκριση τού καταστατικού.

ΤΟ ΚΛΙΦΤΟΝ ΑΝΕΒΗΚΕ ΣΤΗΝ 3η ΘΕΣΗ

Νέο βήμα έκανε τό Κλίφτον Χιλ προκειμέ-

νου νά στήσει τούς πρωτοπόρους Ρόσνα - Φέντρν Γκάλου και νίκησε τό "Άρντνερ" έκτός έδρας 2-0.

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Τό Κλίφτον προηγήθηκε στό 6' μέ κεφαλιά τού Τυρίκου και στό 15' ό Ανδριώτης έκανε τό 2-0 τό οποίο ήταν και τό τελικό αποτέλεσμα.

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Μετά τήν Ισοπαλία τού Φ.Γκάλου και τήν ήττα τού Λαγκούβριν τό Κλίφτον κέρωσε στήν 3η θέση και είναι 4 βαθμούς πίσω από τό Φ.Γκάλου.

Ο ρεφερέ κ. SPAN BIALOCKI ήταν άριστος και καλός ό συμπαιριώτης τού από τό Άρντνερ τά έβαλαν μαζί σέ μερικές φάσεις της συνάντησης.

ΜΕΤΡΙΟ ΤΟ ΟΚΑΗ ΕΧΑΣΕ ΑΠΟ ΤΟ ΚΟΜΠΟΥΡΓΚ

Άδικαιολόγητη μπορεί νά θεωρηθεί ή ήττα έκπληξη τού "Οκλή από τό Κόμπουργκ, έστω και αν ήταν έκτός έδρας.

Η ελληνική ομάδα προηγήθηκε στό 15' μέ τόν "Γραν" και στό 25' είχε σούτ στό δοκάρι μέ τόν Καβαρντίνα.

Στό Β' μέρος τό "Οκλή ήταν μέτριο και τό Κόμπουργκ πήρε τήν νίκη 2-1 μέ γκολ πού πέτυχε στό 50' και 75' της συνάντησης. Έπαιξαν οι Παλόνης, Λαλέτας, Στοιγάννου, Παλόνης, Πασιόπουλος, Λεονάρδος, Ριχόδισι, Νικολαΐδης, Γιβάν, Καβαρντίνας, Κλαβίδης (Καλαφτίδης).

Η Β' ομάδα έχασε 2-1 (Σιμηνάος). Τό "Οκλή άπέκτησε τόν τερατοφύλακα Γιάρο Ναστόπουλο από τό Κάλφολν.

Τό Σάββατο τό Τζόρνιερς τού συλλόγου έβουν χορό στό Χάντινταϊηλ και στήν αίθουσα τού τοπικού Γυμνασίου.

ΝΙΚΗΣ ΤΟ ΕΛΟΥΣ ΣΠΡΙΝΚΒΑΙΝΑ 3-1

Νέα νίκη πήρε τό Ελούς Σπρινκβαϊν 3-1 επί τού Κάρρουμ και πρόσθεσε δύο άκόμη βαθμούς στό ενεργητικό του.

Η ελληνική ομάδα είχε πολύ καλή άμυνα μέ καλύτερο τόν γκολκίπερ Λούη Πέτρον.

Στό 5' τό Κάρρουμ προηγήθηκε αλλά στό 25' ό Τσαμουρτζής έκανε τό 1-1.

Στό Β' μέρος ό Τ.Αργυρόπουλος έβωσε τό προβάδισμα και στό 82' ό Τομάζος κέρδισε πέναλτυ πού έκανε γέ γκολ ό Λεονάρδος.

Δύο άκόμη σούτ τών Λεονάρδου-Τομάζου βρήκαν τά δοκάρια.

Από τήν νικήτρια δέν δωτέρησε κανένας και έπαιξαν οι Πέτρον Α., Β.Αργυρόπουλος, Λεονάρδος, Κέρος, Χ.Πέτρον, Βαρέλιας, Τσαμουρτζής (75' Παπαδόπουλος) Γ.Αργυρόπουλος, Σελεμίνης, Κατασάρης (55' Τομάζος) Ραντοβίτς, Ξεφάριανς οι Α.Πέτρον, Γ.Αργυρόπουλος και ός και ό βετεράνος Χρήστος Πέτρον.

YUGOSLOVENSKA SCENA

LABUDOVA PESMA

Malcerzoni JUST nalazi se pred ambisom Nacionalne lige cetiri kola pre kraja prvenstva. Razlika od pet bodova je prakticko nedostizna, ali PLAVI se ne mire sa sudbinom. Nisu najslabiji klub, pored ucestalih poraza, i ne zaslužuju odizak u nizi razred takmičenja. Zadnji primer je George Cross, koji je prošle godine zadržan u Nacionalnoj ligi, iako malteska zajednica ima jos jednog predstavnika u Melburnu.

Poraz JUSTA rezultat je psiholoskog pritiska, koji nije mogla da izdrzi neiskusna odbrana. Navali je trebalo 45 minuta da postigne gol, koji je imao suprotni efekat. Umesto da dobiju kila, da zbiraju svoje redove, "Plavi" su stali kao automobil kada isprazni akumulator.

Mozda sada, kada je pravo pritisak, JUST ce zalagati snazniju i sa uspehom, sto je isto tako vazno zbog ugleda kluba i uticaja aduta u borbi za opstanak. Koja ce se voditi za okruglim stolom.

Jedno je sigurno, iako je uradjeno sa najboljim namerom. Nije bila potrebna smena strucnog staba u prvom delu sezone, kada vec nije postojao izbor u kvartetu. Neoporno, veliki udarac je i zadnji poraz u Brisbane zbog pristrasnog sudje, koji je ostetio JUSTA i za siledue utakmicu, jer je iskljucio Jadranska Kozdu.

U nedelju 14. jula JUST igra u Adelaide. "Plavi" moraju racunati i na teorijsku mogucnost dok igraju ovu utakmicu. U fudbalu je ova moguca.

Mladi tim JUSTA je vodio sa 2:0, ali morao je da zadovolji sa neresenim rezultatom protiv Nunawading Citya. Oba gola postigao je Goce Nedeljkovski.

U subotu 13. jula mladi tim JUSTA igra protiv Frankston Pinesa na Monterey Ovalu, Monterey Boulevard, Frankston North, My.59 K.5.

Za razliku od mladog i prvog tima Juniori JUSTA bili su daleko uspesniji prošle nedelje.

JUST ispod 12 godina pobedio je Green Gully sa 5:0. Strelci: Nebojsa Milenkovic 2, Damir Gnjidic 2 i Goran Stankovski.

JUST ispod 13 godina postigao je dve pobede za dva dana. U subotu su "plavi" malisani pobedili South Springvale sa 3:0 za Juniorski kup. Sva tri gola dao je Sasa Becivnovski. U nedelju "plavi" su pobedili Ascot Vale sa 5:0 za prvenstvo. Strelci: Sasa Becivnovski 4 i Dragan Surbevski.

IZNENADJENJE NA OLYMPIC PARKU

Neuspeh JUSTA jos vise je zagaranc porazom Melbourne Croatiaje na Olympic Parku, gde je neocektivano ali zasluženo pobedio drugi kandidat za ispadanje Green Gully Ajax sa 2:0. Ovakav rezultat se nije ocekivao, jer je Croatia imala zasto da se bori. Na dohvrat ruke nalazi se naslov prvaka Južne divizije, koji je posle ovog poraza.

Pobedi se svakako najvise obradovao Tommy Tuming, jer je na ovaj nacin ispravio nepravdu kluba kome je mnogo dao zadnjih deset godina.

MAKEDONJIA mora biti zadovoljna sa podelom bodova na Olympic Villages u Heidelbergu. Junak utakmice bio je golman Italijanin, koji cinio cuda na голу, a pored toga odbranilo i jedanaesterac.

U nedelju 14. jula na igralistu Makedonije u Prstonu igra se derbi utakmica izmedju Makedonije i Melbourne Croatiaje.

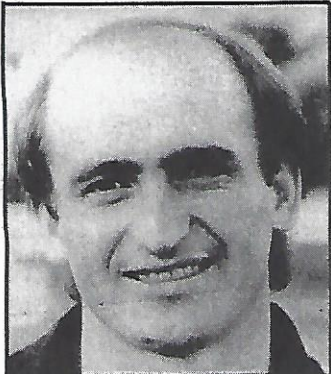
TRIJUMF ALTONA GATE

Altona Gate/VARDAR — Melbourne 2:0 (1:0). Vardar je zasluženo savladao vodeću ekipu na tabeli prve divizije iako je nastupio bez 4 ključna igrača. Podmladjeni sastav pružio je igru koja je odusevila gledaoce, cak i protivnicke navijace koji su cestitali pobedu boljem protivniku. Strelci: Jimmy Kebakovski i 15. i Milan Micevski u 60. minutu. Oba gola su postigla na silicun nacin, posle kornera koje je uspesno izveo Mendo Ristovski.

Sastav Altona Gate: D. Laco, A. Petrovski, A. Zdravski, Lj. Talevski, C. Talevski, J. Kebakovski, B. Gelevski, M. Micevski, S. Micevski (D. Mitrevski), Z. Veljanovski, M. Ristovski.

Rezerva je takode pobedila sa 1:0 (0:0). Strelac Petar Kutmanovski. Najbolji igrači: Dragi Mitrevski, Jimmy Kotevski i Bilij Nikolovski.

U nedelju 14. jula Altona Gate je gost Broadmeadows na Laura Douglas Reserve. Kinz Street.



Mike Micevski — Altona Gate — Vardar

BRATSKI PODELI BODOVE

Rezultat je realan iako Sindjelic nije iskoristio jedanaesterac posto je vodio sa 1:0, pogodkom Dragana Vasica u 16. minutu. Srbija je uspešla da izjednači u 55. minutu iz jedanaesterca, posto je Robert Erdz srusen u kaznenom prostoru. Strelac sa bele tacke bio je Pavle Jevtic.

Ringwood/Srbija je bila oslabljena, jer nije nastupio reprezentativni golman Jimmy Milisavljević, koji vredi pola tima. Operisao je koleno i za njega je ova sezona završena.

Najzadovoljniji je blagajnik Ringwood/Srbije zbog rekordnog prihoda, jer je ovaj susret okupio oko 500 gledalaca. Zadovoljni su i gosti jer su kraljevski dočekani i ugosteni posle utakmice.

Sastav Ringwood/Srbije: L. Lesic, M. Djuric, T. Gil-mour, M. Bjelogrić, A. Demir, A. Nelson, R. Erdz, P. Jevtic, S. Anderson, T. Hagymas, W. Ross. Rezerve: Lj. Bosancic, M. Sedlarevic.

Sastav Royal Richmond/Sindjelic: P. Hrehoresin, J. Dimitrov, Z. Krnic, B. Jovic, J. Kondorac, S. Popovic, T. Marchetti, B. Young, D. Vasic, M. Ferrara, M. Stevanovic (P. Krnic).

Rezerve su igralce nereseno 0:0. Najbolji igrač bio je Radovan Bezanovic, koji nije dao svom ucitelju Vadi Pekicu da dotakne loptu. Povredjen je Milan Sifranic u sudaru sa svojim igračem "Sumadin-cem".

U subotu 13. jula Ringwood/Srbija je gost Elthama na Eltham North Reserve, Wattletree Road, My.22 A.1, dok je Royal Richmond/Sindjelic domacin Altoni City na Burnley Ovalu, Park Grove, My.44 J.11.

PORAZ "PLAVIH" U YARRAVILLU

Yarraville — Springvale Utd. 2:0 (1:0). "Plavi" iz Springvale nemaju sreće protiv Yarravilla bez obzira kakvo igrali. I ovog puta su nadigrali neodgovornog rivala, koji je imao carobnjaka na голу. Sa ovim porazom "Plavi" su se spustili sa prvog na cetvrto mesto, ali su ostali favoriti za osvajanje naslova prvaka.

Sastav: Zoran Mandic, Djura Sivec, Milenko Culibrk, Emil Petrov, Dragoslav Jelcic, George Kaim, Boris Maricic, Dragan Janjic, Zahid Tepic, Milan Stojilovic, Aleksandar Veleviski.

Najbolji igrači: Dragan Janjic, Aleksandar Veleviski i Emil Petrov.

Rezerva je pobedila sa 3:1 (0:1). Strelci: Daniel Tarav u 58; Ed Subara Zukic u 58. i Joe Francisti u 87. minutu. Najbolji igrači Ilija Kerezovic, Stevan Jelcic i Daniel Tarav.

U subotu 13. jula "plavi" iz Springvale docekuju Prahran na imanju Jugoslovenskog radnickog centra "Bratstvo/Jedinstvo", Lot 16 Perry Road, Keysbo-



Claude Lucchesi (left) of Green Gully, in an aerial duel with Jojo Antolovic of



NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE

ROUND 19, 13-14 JULY.

SOUTHERN DIVISION



CHARLIE VILLANI

BRISBANE LIONS
v
ADELAIDE CITY

at RICHLANDS
TIME TBA SUNDAY

VIC YOUTH GAME:
NUNAWADING CITY

v
FAWKNER

AT VENUE TO BE ANNOUNCED

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS
v
SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS

at OLYMPIC PARK No. 2
3pm SUNDAY

YOUTH GAME:
BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS

v
SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS
at 12.45



BRIAN BROWN



JOHN KANESOULIS

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS
v
HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER

at MIDDLE PARK
3pm SUNDAY

YOUTH GAME:
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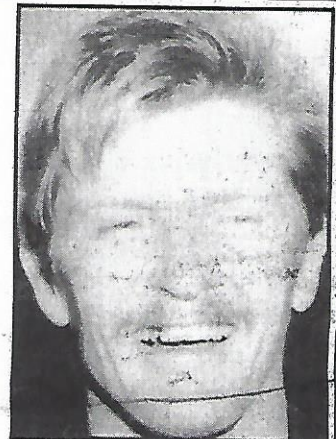
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HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER
at 12.45

PRESTON MAKEDONIA
v
MELBOURNE CROATIA

at CONNOR RESERVE
3pm SUNDAY

YOUTH GAME:
PRESTON MAKEDONIA

v
MELBOURNE CROATIA
at 12.45



GRAEME HEYS



KEVIN LLOYD

GREEN GULLY
v
BRISBANE CITY

at GREEN GULLY RESERVE
3pm SATURDAY

YOUTH GAME:
GREEN GULLY

v
CROYDON CITY
at 12.45

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS
v
FOOTSCRAY JUST

at HINDMARSH STADIUM
2.30pm SUNDAY

VIC YOUTH GAME:
FRANKSTON PINES

v
FOOTSCRAY JUST
AT VENUE TO BE ANNOUNCED



VLATKO BELIC

NORTHERN DIVISION

CANBERRA OLYMPIANS v BLACKTOWN CITY
AT NATIONAL SPORTS CENTRE 3PM Sunday

NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD v WOLLONGONG CITY
at ADAMSTOWN OVAL 2.30pm SATURDAY

SYDNEY OLYMPIC v INTER-MONARO
at PRATTEN PARK 3pm SUNDAY

ST GEORGE v APIA LEICHHARDT
at ST GEORGE STADIUM 3pm SUNDAY

MARCONI v SYDNEY CITY
at MARCONI STADIUM 3pm SUNDAY

PENRITH CITY v SYDNEY CROATIA
at COOK PARK 3pm SUNDAY